Venkatagiri Rajah's College High School
Nellore.

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Souvenir

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDINGS

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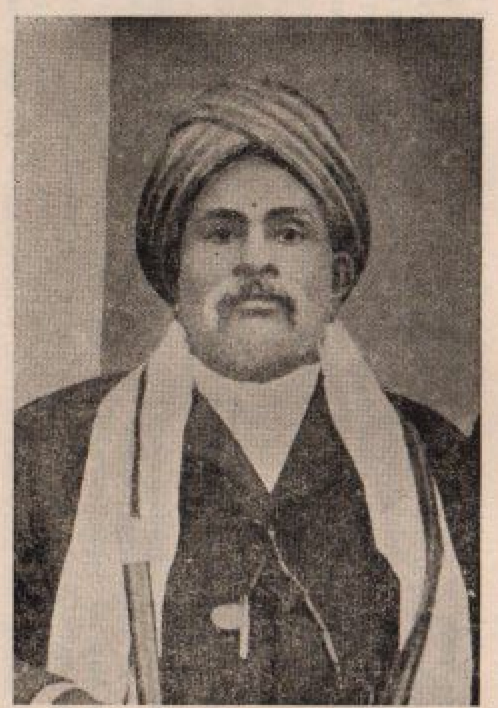

Sri Sunku Narayanaswamy Chetty Garu.

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Maharaja of Venkatagiri.

FOREWORD

Plans to celebrate the centenary of this High School were initiated months back, though the original proposal was there ever since the centenary year i e., 1975 dawned. Trials were underway since then to create a sense of participation in as many old students as possible in this historic function by contacting them in all possible ways. But, a considerable difficulty had to be faced in searching for and contacting friends that could find out and provide the addresses of the old students who are distributed not only through out our country but also through out almost all the developed and developing countries on the face of the globe. Most of them are doctors, scientists, engineers and expert technologists engaged in researches and occupying key positions in different fields. It is a matter for pride and glory for the institution that it has produced State Governors, a Chief Minister, Ministers both at the Centre and State, Chief Justices, Justices, eminent Jurists, famous Journalists, great Industrialists and popular Film Directors besides I. C. S., and I. A. S., Officers and many in the diplomatic corps and state Officers. It is note worthy that almost all the M Ps M.L.As and M.L.Cs of our district, both in the past and at present are the old boys of our institution. The people whose addresses could be traced were requested to respond to our invitation failing which atleast to send their messages of good will, looking back and recollecting the pleasant old days they spent in the School, on this unique occasion.

The Golden Jubilee of the School was celebrated on 23rd, October 1926. But as per the available facts, the actual centenary year came to a close by the end of the last school year. From then arrangements have been going on to plan the programmes for the function. The school building was given a face lift, the school garden was given a new life and a pavilion useful for the school functions was constructed to commemorate the centenary. The calm and pleasant atmosphere of this spot is most congenial for cultural and religious discourses also. Though preperations were in progress for quite some days past, the climax of the centenary has reached only now by the participation of so many V. I. Ps in this historic function. The releasing of the Souvenir, the unveiling of the portraits, the inauguration of the centenary pavilion and honouring of the retired teachers are some of the high-lights of the celebration.

The idea of the organisers of the centenary is to commemorate the wishes of the late founding fathers of the institution, celebrate its present in a fitting manner and plan for the future in a bigger way. The commemoration involves the remembrance of the past events since 1875 when, in the words of the late revered founder, "a tender sapling planted on a rockey soil, on a mid summer day has against adversities of a formidable nature, grown into a mighty tree, shedding its beneficial shade far and wide." The mother institution had developed in course of time to an abnormal size and gave birth to a daughter institution in the form of a Second Grade College in the year 1920, which attained age and grew into woman-hood by the year 1944 when she became First Grade College. She had a sister, the Evening College in the year 1961. Both these gave birth to a Law College in the year 1974 and with this the mother institution has attained the status of a grand-mother. The public of Nellore are eagerly awaiting some more issue from the mother institution in the form of technical colleges like the Medical, Engineering, Agricultural etc. A post graduate centre is long over due. Had the Almighty been

kind enough to spare the life of Sri A. C. Subba Reddy for some more years, the aspirations of the people would have been accomplished. Though the institution had to face many difficulties and set backs in the past, it has been growing from strength to strength far beyond the expectations of the founding fathers and its growth does not seem to abate until it reaches the stature and status of an autonomous unit with all possible faculties in its complex. The institution has outgrown in size and is extending to all possible adjoining spaces and also places rather away. The credit for all this developmental work goes to the untiring and selfless efforts of the managements both of the past and the present. To meet the requirements of the people of this region from decade to decade the starting of new and higher educational institutions became a necessity from time to time. The founding fathers exhausted their energies and resources in starting and establishing them. The different branches of the institution had some how managed to be accommodated in the old school buildings donated by (1) Hajee Mohammed Rahimtullah Sahib (2) Mr. Abdul Karim Khan Sahib (3) the then Rajah of Venkatagiri and others. Priority to the top most classes had to be given as and when the institution grew up. The condition of the old buildings was not up to the standard required of a high grade institution of this type and magnitude. Academic work was often disturbed whenever there was even a little change in the weather. It was only when Dr. E. Sundararama Reddy, a retired Dist. Health Officer, became the Secretary, that the idea of providing a spacious and all weather posh building with all the normal amenities and comforts, cropped up in his mind. The present massive High School building was nearly complete by the time he departed. He had done a very great deal indeed, in the short space of time that God was pleased to spare him. I consider it my duty to express my feeling of gratitude on behalf of the public of Nellore to that great man who breathed his last in the active service of this institution.

While late Sri Sunku Narayanaswamy Chetty is the founder of the High School, Sri Madabhushi Narasimha Chari and Sri A. C. Subba Reddy were the founders of the second grade and first grade colleges respectively. Likewise, the citizens of this part of the coastal region of Andhra Pradesh are greatly indebted to Sri Menakuru Audi Sesha Reddy the present Secretary, for the coming into existence of the Evening College, and the twins, the Day and Evening Law Colleges which flouish at present. Grateful compliments are also due to Sri Anam Bhaktavatsala Reddy who spared no pains in shuttling between Hyderabad and Tirupati for getting the necessary permissions for starting the Law Colleges in record time.

The organisers of this function are greatly indebted to the dignitaries who responded to our requests by sending their messages for the success of this function, and also to the old boys that have sent the photoes and addresses in response to our advertisement in the news papers.

Probably in recognition of my close association with this institution for over half a century, as a student, right from the elementary classes to the college classes, as a teacher, as Head Master and property Officer in this institution, I am offered the previlege of being the convenor of the Souvenir Committee. I take this opportunity to thank the Management for that kind act and also for the respect and kindness with which they had treated me during the pretty long tenure of my service in this noble institution. I request the readers to pardon me for any unintentional lapses in bringing out this Souvenir.

K. RAMALINGA REDDY,
Convenor, Souvenir Committee.

GOVERNOR
ANDHRA PRADESH

RAJ BHAVAN
HYDERABAD - 500041

MESSAGE

I send my cordial greetings and best wishes to the participants of the celebrations and wish the members of the Managing Committee of Venkatagiri Rajah's High School, Nellore, celebrating the Centenary of the school. During its hundred years of existence the institution has done valuable service in the field of education and faced difficulties and obstacles in fulfilling its objectives. I hope that with its experience, it will cont nue to serve the needs of the people of the region in training the students to be the best and worthy citizens of our great country.

I wish the Centenary Celebrations of Venkatagiri Rajah's High School, Nellore a grand success.

R. D. Bhandare

Minister of Labour,
Government of India

My dear Ramalinga Reddy Garu,

I am glad to receive from you an invitation for the Centenary Celebrations of the Venkatagiri Rajah's High School, Nellore, and thank you very much for the same.

V. R. C. High School and the College are well-known institutions of Andhra Pradesh. They have produced great men in different walks of life. The Venkatagiri Rajah's High School has completed a century of service this year. From its humble beginnings it has grown into a first grade College affiliated to Shri Venkateswara University. My own education during my formative years was prosecuted at this institution. This school has been a cradle of heroes and a harbinger of social change with a rural bias. This is an occasion for grateful thanks-giving to all those teachers who have grown with this institution and who have churned out the cream of youth as the most fruitful crop of modern education. I am sure, the students of today would be guided by the noble ideals of the founding fathers of this institution whose dream it is to make the flower of youth the pride of the nation tomorrow. I offer my heartiest congratulations to the teacher and the taught alike, of this time-honoured institution, on the happy and auspicious occasion of its Centenary Celebrations.

Yours Sincerely,

K. V. Raghunatha Reddy.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN
RAJYA SABHA
PARLIAMENT HOUSE
NEW DELHI

Dear Shri K. Ramalinga Reddy,

I am glad to hear that the Venkatagiri Rajah's High School will be celebrating its Centenary. The High School has had a checkered history, having faced a number of difficulties in the initial stages. It has not had the advantage of any grants from the Government or the missionary organisations in the early stages. Some philanthropists, notably Shri S. Narayanaswami Chetty, who was responsible for the inception of the School in 1875, deserves our appreciation. The later donors, especially the Raiah of Venkatagiri, also deserve appreciation. It is heartening to see the progress of the School during the Century of its existence.

Nellore is an important centre in Andhra and connects the coastal Andhra, Rayalaseems and Madras City. It is an important business centre as well both for agricultural products as also industrial and mining products. The town itself has grown during the last hundred years. It is, therefore, important that it should have more schools and colleges to cater to the students of the town and neighbouring districts. I am sure the V. R. C. High School does serve the needs of the district. I hope the High School will grow into a college sooner or later. Please accept my greetings for the Centenary celebrations and wish you more and more success.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

G. Murahari

CHIEF JUSTICE
HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR,
SRINAGAR

My dear Ramalinga Reddy,

I am very happy to learn from your letter that the Managing Committee of the V. R. C. High School propose to celebrate the centenary of the High School shortly. On account of the fact that I am now working in Kashmir, it will not be possible for me to be present during the celebrations. I, however, wish the celebrations all success.

I was a student of this High School from 1927 to 1930 and I had the privilege of studying under teachers of great learning and capacity. I consider that the present position which I occupy is the result of the training and education which I had got when I was a student of the High School.

I had also the privilege of being connected with the Management of College and High School, and therefore, it is a matter of gratification for me to know that this institution has made great strides and that from a High School it has now become a first grade college and that it is also running a Law College. I am confident that this institution will continue its growth and development and ultimately become one of the biggest educational institutions not only in the State of Andhra Pradesh but also in the whole country.

Yours Sincerely,

M. R. A. Ansari.

JUSTICE
A. Gangadhara Rao

6-3-249/1/1 BANJARA HILLS
HYDERABAD-500034

Dear Sri Ramalinga Reddy Garu,

I am very happy to learn that my School, V. R. C. High School, is celebrating the Centenary in this month. I vividly remember the happy days I have spent in that School from 1933 to 1936. Our High School had some very eminent Headmasters and teachers. It had also produced some eminent men. Hundred years is not a short period in the history of an institution. Our School has made rapid strides during this long period. It has played a glorious part in the history of our District. It has enriched the educational and cultural standards of our District and the neighbouring Districts. I hope and trust that our School will grow from strength to strength in the years to come and make a distinct contribution to the educational and cultural life of our country.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

A. Gangadhara Rao.

ANAM VENKATA REDDY
Minister for Minor Irrigation
" SANTI NILAYAM "
HYDERABAD - 500004

Dear Sri Ramalinga Reddy,

I send my greetings and good wishes to the centenary celebrations of the Venkatagiri Rajas' High School proposed to be celebrated shortly. This is a poineer educational institution that has been rendering sustained service to the educational progress of the members of the rising generation. This is most laudable venture that deserves all support and encouragement. I wish the centenary celebrations all success.

Yours sincerely,

A. Venkata Reddy

BHATTAM SRIRAMA MURTY
Minister for
Harijan and Tribal Welfare and
Technical Education
HYDERABAD.

MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that the centenary celebrations of the V. R. C. High School, Nellore, will be celebrated during this month. It is a very old institution in Nellore District that has rendered great service specially in the sphere of education to the members of the rising generation. As a result of the munificence of many educationists, the institution has made rapid strides, especially in the recent past. I do hope that it will, in the coming years, keep up the tempo and continue to serve the youth of the country in a befitting manner. I send my good wishes and greetings to the centenary celebrations.

B. Srirama Murty

P. BASI REDDY
Minister for Industries.

HYDERABAD

Dear Shri Ramalinga Reddy,

I am happy to learn that you are celebrating the Centenary of the V. R. C. High School in the last week of this month. The School's existence for a century and its strength of 1250 students in a town where there are as many as 15 High Schools, clearly establish the efficiency of both the management and teaching. I wish the High School will continue to serve the public of the District for many more years to come. I wish the Celebrations all success.

Yours sincerely,

P. Basi Reddy.

M. R. APPAROW, M.A., M.L.A.
VICE-CHANCELLOR

ANDHRA UNIVERSITY
WALTAIR
VISAKHAPATNAM - 530 003
(A. P.)

MESSAGE

I am glad to know that the Venkatagiri Rajah's High School has completed one hundred long years of educational service, and is going to celebrate its centenary soon. It is indeed an occasion to rejoice and recount the progress and advancement the institution has made.

Encouraged and aided by the Venkatagiri House, the school rapidly developed and soon became nucleus of the V. R. College. I congratulate all those who helped in its progress, past and present, and send my good wishes for the success of the celebrations.

M. R. Apparow

V. RAMACHANDRAN
Director of Higher Education
HYDERABAD - 500004

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MESSAGE

The decision to celebrate the Centenary of the V. R. C. High School, Nellore is appropriate. These celebrations will draw the people towards 'education' which is an important nation building activity. That the V. R. C. High School served the cause of education is a well known fact. I hope that the good traditions established and the hard work done all these 100 years will always guide the teachers and students for not only keeping up the traditions but also for improving the previous record.

I wish the function all success.

V. Ramachandran

M. Srirama Iyengar,
M.A.L.T.,
7, Second Main Road, C.I.T. Colony,
MADRAS-600004.

I feel I have a proprietory and possessive right over my Alma Mater. My father served there and died in harness, my brother and I were educated there. Our children were educated in it.

The school has always stood tor high standards of integrity. The very fact that many of "our old boys" occupied and occupy high positions in various fields of human activity is an eloquent testimony to its worth and work. The old boys were in the vanguard of Freedom Fighters.

My appeal to the present and future students of V. R. H. S. is that they should endeavour to keep up the tradition, excellence and greatness of this great Institution.

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CHITTOOR

M. S. RAJAJEE

INDIAN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE
COLLECTOR

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter. I am very happy that the V. R. College High School, Nellore is celebrating the Centenary of the High School. I wish the Centenary Celebrations all success. I wish that the School grows from strength to strength and becomes an ideal institution in that region. I am sorry due to pressure of work I am not able to find time to write any article for publication in the Souvenir.

Yours sincerely,

M. S. Rajajee

KAIDIAM
(EAST. GODAVARI DT.)

A. V. REDDI

B.A., B.SC. (HONS.) LOND., A.C.G.I.

Dear Shri Ramalinga Reddy,

I would like to extend my felicitations to the organisors of the centenary celebrations and wish them every success on this auspicious occasion and also express my sincere wish that the School will continue to do good work for a long time to come.

Yours sincerely,

A. V. Reddi.

Rtd. Teachers of the High School to be honoured on this occassion

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1) Shri Akkaraju Ramamurthy
2) ,, Deepala Pitchaiah Sastry
3) ,, Chadalavada Jayarama Sastry
4) ,, N. S. Rangaswamy
5) ,, O. M. Krishna Rao
6) ,, O. Padma Raju
7) ,, K. V. Rajaratnam Naidu
8) ,, M. Sankaraiah
9) ,, Veguru Venkatappaiah
10) ,, S. Pattabhirama Murthy
11) ,, Y. Ramamurthy
12) ,, P. Subrahmanyam
13) Shri K. V. Rajagopala Naidu
14) ,, S. V. Sesha Sarma
15) ,, K. Venkatachary
16) ,, G. Govindaiah
17) ,, P. Ramachandra Sarma
18) ,, T. R. Gopalakrishnan
19) ,, C. V. Ramanaiah
20) ,, N. Kanakam Babu
21) ,, J. Krishnaiah
22) ,, G. Satyanarayana
23) ,, K. Ramalinga Reddy
24) ,, P. Subrahmanyachari

Those who served the institution and retired from the College

1) Shri M. Srirama Iyengar
2) ,, R. Subba Reddy
3) ,, M. Janakirama Reddy
4) Shri V. S. Raghavan
5) ,, V. Venka Reddy
6) ,, Noorullah Hussain

వి. ఆర్. హైస్కూలు చరిత్ర

పూర్వ చరిత్ర

నూరు సంవత్సరముల పూర్వము నెల్లూరు పట్టణమున ఒకే ఒక హైస్కూలు ఉండెడిది. అదే నేటి C. A. M. హైస్కూలు (ఆరోజులలో దీనిని Free Church Mission School అనెడివారు). నెల్లూరు పౌరులు వారి బిడ్డలను క్రైస్తవ పాఠశాలకు పంపి వారి బోధనలకు గురిచేయుటకు విముఖులుగా నుండిరి. ఈ విషయము ఆనాటి జిల్లాకలెక్టరు Mr. Vans Agnew గారు 7-8-1873 న D. P. I. గారికి వ్రాసిన నోటు నందు సువిదితము చేయబడినది. దానిలో శ్రీ ఎగ్న్యూగారు "I think that Nellore has been placed at undeserved disadvantage in comparison to other districts in respect of State Education. We ought to have a Govt. Zilla School at Nellore itself........ Nellore parents do not feel themselves practically forced to send their sons to hear Xian (Sic) prayers daily from a master, whose avowed object is to proselytise them, without an accute consciousness of loss of self respect and a feeling of reproach towards the Govt."

అప్పటిలో నెల్లూరు మండల ప్రథమ పట్టభద్రుడైన శ్రీ నుంకు నారాయణస్వామిశెట్టిగారు ప్రథమ ఉపాధ్యాయుడుగా మిషన్ స్కూలులో 19-4-1873 లో ప్రవేశించిరి. కాని ప్రిన్సిపాల్ రెవరెండ్ జాన్‌మాక్మిలన్ M. A., గారితో సరిపడని కారణమున 1875 లో ఏప్రెల్ నెల ఆఖరి దినమున పదవీ విరమణ చేసిరి. ఆనాటికే నెల్లూరు పౌరులలో గల ఒక క్రొత్త హిందూ స్కూలు ప్రారంభించవలెనను ఉత్సాహము నారాయణస్వామిశెట్టిగారి పదవీ విరమణతో మరింత ఉధృత రూపము దాల్చెను. ఇంతలో నారాయణస్వామిశెట్టిగారు కలెక్టరుగారిని చూచు నిమిత్తము క్రిష్ణాపట్నమునందు వారి జమాబంది క్యాంపునకుపోగా, అచ్చట కొంతమంది జిల్లా ఉద్యోగులు నారాయణస్వామిశెట్టిగారితో సంప్రదించి వారిని హిందూ స్కూలు నిర్మాణమునకు పూనిక వహించుటకు నమ్మతింపజేసిరి. మరునాడే (2-5-1875) నెల్లూరులో ఒక పౌరసభ జరిగెను. దాని ఫలితముగా హిందూ స్కూలు నిర్మాణము, దాని ప్రధానోపాధ్యాయునిగా శ్రీ నారాయణస్వామిశెట్టిగారి నియామకము జరిగెను. పాఠశాలకు అవసరమైన సిబ్బందిని నియమించుకొనుటకు శ్రీ నారాయణస్వామిగారికి అధికారమివ్వబడెను.

హిందూ హైస్కూలు అవతరణము

1875 సంవత్సరము మేనెల 3 వ దినమున "హిందూ ఆంగ్లో వర్నాకులర్‌స్కూలు" అను పేర నెల్లూరు పురప్రముఖుల సౌజన్యముతో యీ పాఠశాల యుద్భవించెను. ప్రప్రథమమున దీని ఆనాదరణకు యీక్రింది ప్రముఖుల నిరంతర కృషియే కారణము. వీరు సర్వశ్రీ రోజుకుర్దు వెంకటకృష్ణారావు B. A., హుజూరు శిరస్తాదారు; ఆరక్కి నారాయణరావు డిప్యూటీ కలెక్టరు, కందాడై రంగమన్నారు అయ్యంగారు జిల్లామున్సబ్. మొదలుగాగల ఎందరో మహానుభావులు.

ప్రధానోపాధ్యాయులు శ్రీ నారాయణస్వామిశెట్టిగారితోపాటు యీ క్రిందిప్రముఖులు తొలిదొల్త ఉపాధ్యాయులుగా నియమింపబడిరి. వారు (1) శ్రీ వీరవల్లి

కస్తూరిరంగాచార్యులుగారు (2) శ్రీ ఆదూరు వెంకటాచార్యులుగారు (3) శ్రీ యద్దనపూడి లక్ష్మయ్యగారు (4) శ్రీ పిట్టి రామిరెడ్డిగారు (5) శ్రీ బొడ్డుం చక్రపాణి నాయుడుగారు (వీరు అనతికాలములో రాజీనామా చేయగా ఆ స్థానములో శ్రీ ముత్తరాజా రామస్వామిగారు నియమింపబడిరి.) (6) శ్రీ ఒకయూరు వీరనాగయ్యగారు.

వీరి అవిరళ కృషివలన పాఠశాల ఆదిలోనే జనాదరణ పొందినది. అందుచేత మొదటి సంవత్సరములోనే ఈ పాఠశాలలో 152 మంది విద్యార్థులు చేరిరి.

నారాయణస్వామిశెట్టిగారి సేవలు

శ్రీ నారాయణస్వామిశెట్టిగారు కారణ జన్ములు. వీరి నిరంతరకృషి ఫలితమున పాఠశాల దినదినాభివృద్ధి నొందె. ప్రజలచే 'ఎన్. వి. గారి పాఠశాల' అని ఎంతో ఆప్యాయతతో పిలువబడుచుండెడిది. కాని అదినుండి ఈ పాఠశాల అనేక క్లిష్టపరిస్థితుల నెదుర్కొనవలసి వచ్చెను. F. C. M. స్కూలు అధికారులు నారాయణస్వామిశెట్టిగారిపై వ్యక్తిగత ద్వేషము వహించి, ఈ సంస్థను "పోటీగా స్థాపించబడిన సంస్థ"గను, శ్రీ శెట్టిగారు F. C. M. స్కూలునుండి విద్యార్థులను Smuggle చేయుచున్నట్లును, శెట్టిగారి సహోపాధ్యాయులు అసమర్థులనియు దుష్ప్రచారము సాగించిరి. కాని ఇన్స్పెక్టరుగారైన C. M. Barrow గారు విచారణ జరిపి పై ఆరోపణలను ఖండించిరి. తదుపరి బ్యారో దొరగారు F.C.M స్కూలు ప్రిన్సిపాల్ మాక్మిలన్‌గారి పలుకుబడికిలోనై, నెల్లూరు పట్టణమునకు రెండవ హైస్కూలుయొక్క ఆవశ్యకతనుగూర్చి చర్చించుటకై పౌరసమావేశము నొకదానిని F. C. M. హాలులో ఏర్పాటు చేయించెను. దీనికి ఇన్‌ఛార్జి కలెక్టరుగారైన Mr. T. Von, D. Hardinge అధ్యక్షతవహించెను. ఈ సమావేశమునకు శ్రీ శెట్టిగారు హాజరుకాని కారణముగా, బ్యారోగారు కోపించి వారిని సభలో "Unmitigated liar" అను దూషణ పదము నుపయోగించిరి. కానీ, తరువాత బ్యారో తన దుడుకు పదమును ఉపసంహరించుకొనుటయేగాక D. P. I. వారిచే మందలించబడెను.

పై సభను గూర్చిన నివేదిక నొకదానిని బ్యారో, హార్డింజ్‌గారిచేత తయారుచేయించి, దానిలో హిందూ హైస్కూలు స్థాపనకు "Begotry and Revenge" (మతదురభిమానము మరియు పగసాధింపు) కారణములని ఆరోపించుచు D. P. I. గారికి పంపించెను. దానిలో హిందూ హైస్కూలు స్థాపకులనుగూర్చి ఈ క్రింది విధముగా వ్రాసిరి.

"It condemned their conduct as dishonourable; it denounced the teachers generally and made a special onslaught on Mr. Narayanaswamy Chetty as a person dismissed from F. C. M. and as one sadly wanting in veracity. It wound up with a recommendation that there was no necessity for a second school of higher education in Nellore"

ఈనివేదికను D. P. I. గారు పాఠశాల పాలకవర్గ కార్యదర్శిగారికి పంపుచూ దానికి సమాధానమును కలెక్టరు వారిద్వారా పంపవలసినదిగా ఆదేశించెను. పాలకవర్గపు సమాధానమునందు బ్యారో - హార్డింజ్ కూటమి చేసిన ఆరోపణలను కమిటీవారు పూర్తిగా ఖండించుటయేగాక వారి అభిప్రాయములను నిర్భయముగా ప్రకటించుచు, వారి సమాధానమును కలెక్టరుద్వారా D. P. I. కి పంపిరి. అదృష్టవశమున ఆ సమయమునకు తాత్కాలిక కలెక్టరుగారైన హార్డింజ్ పోయి అసలు కలెక్టరు 'ఎగ్నూ'గారు వచ్చియుండిరి. వీరు విషయపరిశీలనను క్షుణ్ణముగాచేసి శ్రీ శెట్టిగారి ప్రయత్నమును సమర్థించుచు, రెండవ స్కూలు అవశ్యకతను స్థిరపరచుటయేగాక యీ స్కూలునకు గ్రాంటును మంజూరు చేయవలసినదిగా సిఫార్సుచేయుచూ

యీ క్రింది సుదీర్ఘమైన మరింా ఘాటైన తన అభిప్రాయ మును వ్రాసి D. P. i. గారికి పంపెను.

(1) "............I had been 3 years in the district and had therefore ample opportunity of learning the feeling of the upper classes of Native Society with reference to the practical necessity they were under of educating their children in a Mission School. That they have long felt this humiliating necessity, I was and I am satisfied, and also that they were ready and anxious to avail themselves of the first opportunity that may present itself for escaping from under It."

(3) "That opportunity came when the services of Narayanaswamy Chetty, whom they esteemed to be an excellent teacher became available to them, and I cannot see why they are to be in any way blamed for engaing him, simply because, owing to some apparently not very serious personal disagreement with the Rev. Mr. Macmillan, he was quitting the post in Nellore Mission School, the Missionaries at the same time doing their best to obtain for him as lucrative a situation elsewhere."

(4) ' I am satisfied that there is no foundation whatever for Mr. Barrow's theory, that it was this young stranger, Narayanaswamy Chetty who moved the school committee to espouse his cause and set up an opposition school in a spirit of revenge. If Mr. Barrow had known the native gentleman concerned as well as I do, he would scarcely have committed himself to so ridiculous a supposition as that they were the tools of this young school master. Their desire, long cherished, of starting a good secular school was, it cannot be denied, a perfectly creditable one and I hold that, under the circumstances, they were quite justified in engaging Narayanaswamy Chetty, thereby merely forestalling his late masters in finding him lucrative employment."

(5) "The language that has been so freely applied to those native gentlemen by Messrs. Hardinge, Barrow and the Missionaries is, in my opinion, to be very much regretted. I consider it insulting and unjustifiable, and I am sure that it will find no countenance with you."

(6) "You have yourself admitted that there is room for two Higher class Schools in Nellore, and there can be no doubt whatever of this, when the present strength of the two schools is compared with the maximum strength at any previous time of the Mission School alone." (The strength of the FCM School, before the opening of the Hindu School was 350 and that of the two schools at that time (1876) was 500.

(7) "I cannot agree with you that the Hindu school should have no matriculation classes. The results of this year will, I expect, lead you to change this opinion" (In 1875 three pupils took the

Matriculation Examination and 2 passed. In 1876, 9 appeared and 8 passed).

(8) "There being in my opinion no grounds whatever for withholding aid from this school unless it be an absolute want of funds, I trust that, if funds can in any way be made available, you will see your way to give it substantial aid. To deny this would, I cannot but hold, be irreconcilable with justice while you continue to subsidize the Mission School……"

కాని స్కూలు కమిటీవారు బ్యారో - హార్డింజ్ చేసిన ఆరోపణలపై న్యాయవిచారణ జరిపించుటకు ఒక విచారణాధికారిని నియమించమని కోరిరి. దాని ఫలితముగా Dr. Bradshaw అను అధికారి వచ్చి ఏకపక్ష విచారణ జేసి, F. C. M. దొర Macmillan గారికి అనుకూలముగ అక్రమ నివేదికను పంపెను. కాని కమిటీవారు Bradshaw విచారణను నిరాకరించి, మరియొక న్యాయదృష్టి గల విచారణాధికారి నియామకమునకై ప్రయత్నించిరి. దాని ఫలితముగా డివిజనల్ ఇన్స్పెక్టర్ Mr. Fortey గారు వచ్చి నారాయణస్వామిశెట్టిగారిని పదవినుండి తొలగించినపక్షముననే విచారణ జరిపెదనని షరతుపెట్టెను. కమిటీవారు దీని కంగీకరించలేదు. కానీ ఒకరోజు Fortey గారు స్కూలు వదలిన కొన్ని క్షణములలో ఆకస్మికముగావచ్చి విచారణకు యత్నించెను. కమిటీవారు దీనికి సిద్ధముగా లేనందున (వ్యవధిలేని కారణముచే) వారితో సహకరించ లేకపోయిరి. తరువాత ఫోర్టేగారు పంపిన రిపోర్టులో రెండవ స్కూలు స్థాపనలోను, F. C. M. స్కూలునుండి వచ్చిన విద్యార్థులను చేర్చుకొనుటలోను, ఏమియు ఆక్షేపణ లేదనుచు, ఇంకనూ రెండు స్కూళ్ళు ఉండుటవలన విద్యాస్థాయి పెరుగుటకు అవకాశము కలదని అంగీకరించెను. కాని మాక్మిలన్‌గారు - శెట్టిగార్లకు, ఒకరికొకరికి గిట్టనందున పై విద్యాలయముల రెండింటికి సత్ఫలితములు కలుగకుండు ప్రమాదము కలదని అభిప్రాయమును వ్యక్తము చేయుచు, శ్రీ నారాయణస్వామిశెట్టిగారిని పదవినుండి తొలిగించమని, అట్లుకానిచో గ్రాంటు నిరాకరించమని తే 15-2-1877 దిన D. P. I. గారికి తన సిఫార్సును పంపెను.

పై సిఫార్సుననుబట్టి స్కూలుకు గ్రాంటు నిలిపివేయబడెను. ఇక చేయునదిలేక కమిటీవారు ఆఖరి ప్రయత్నముగా మద్రాసు గవర్నరు డ్యూక్ ఆఫ్ బకింగ్‌హాము సహాయమును అర్థించిరి. కాని ఆ ప్రయత్నముకూడ ఫలించలేదు. స్కూలు ఆర్థికస్థితి మరియు క్షీణించినందున, నాలుగు అణాలు మొదలు స్వల్ప చందాలనుకూడ వసూలు చేసినను మొదటి సంవత్సరాంతమునకు రు 500/- లు లోటు ఏర్పడెను. దీనిని పూరించుటకు మాజీ వెంకటగిరి దివాన్‌గారైన రహిమతుల్లాగారి ప్రమేయముతో రాజాగారు పై మొత్తమును విరాళముగా యిచ్చిరి. రెండవ సంవత్సరము నెల్లూరు క్యాథలిక్ క్రీస్తు రెవరెండ్ పి. ఆర్. మిచ్చెల్‌గారి సిఫార్సుపై మద్రాసు రోమన్ క్యాథలిక్ బిషప్ నెల 1 కి రు. 10/- చొప్పున చందా పంపుటకు అంగీకరించెను. అయినను పాఠశాలకు ఆర్థికదుస్థితి తప్పలేదు. నారాయణస్వామిశెట్టిగారు హెడ్‌మాస్టరుగా నున్నంతవరకు ప్రభుత్వ గ్రాంటు లభించదు. అందువలన, పాఠశాలశ్రేయస్సుకొరకు తన పదవిని 1878 లో త్యాగము చేసియు, తదుపరికూడా దాని అభివృద్ధికై నిర్విరామముగా కృషిచేసెను. తత్ఫలితముగా స్కూలు 1879 లో గుర్తింపబడి ప్రభుత్వ గ్రాంటును సంవత్సరాంతమునుండి పొందగలిగినది.

స్మరణీయమైన కానుకలు

ఈ పాఠశాల కలెక్టరాపీసుకు తూర్పువైపున ఒక ఇంటిలో నెల 1 కి రూ. 3/- అద్దెకు ఏర్పాటైనది. స్థలాభావమువలన త్వరలోనే 30/- అద్దెపై మరియొక గృహమునకు మార్చబడినది. అచ్చటనుండి మరియొక బంగళాకు మార్చబడినది. ఈసమయములో వెంకటగిరి సంస్థానపు

మాజీ దివానుగారైన హాజీ మహమ్మద్ రహ్మతుల్లా సాహెబుగారు ప్రస్తుత వి. ఆర్. కాలేజి ఆవరణమును, అందలి కొన్ని కట్టడములతో కోర్టు వేలమునందు తే 27-2-1879 దిన రూ. 2400/- లకు కొని మరునాటి దినమే ఉచితముగా స్కూలునకు దానముగ నొసగి తే 24-11-1879 ది స్కూలుపేర రిజిష్టరు చేసిరి. హిందూ హైస్కూలునకు ప్రప్రథమ స్మరణీయమైన కానుక ఇదియే. అదియును ఒక మతాంతరుడైన మహమ్మదీయ మహనీయునిచే నొసగబడుట మరియు విశేషము. శ్రీ రహమతుల్లాగారు స్కూలు కమిటీలో అత్యంత శ్రద్ధాసక్తులు గల సభ్యులుగా పనిచేయుచు 1886 లో పదవీ విరమణ గావించిరి. వారినిగూర్చిన స్మారకచిహ్న మేదియు లేకుండుట తీరని కొఱత.

స్కూలుయొక్క ఆర్థిక దుస్థితి ఎంతకును తీరనందున, కొందరు ప్రముఖుల రాయబారము వలన శ్రీ వెంకటగిరి రాజావారు యీ క్రింది షరతులపై రూ. 15000/- విరితో గవర్నమెంటు బాండు కొనెను.

షరతులు:-

(1) పై మొత్తము రాజాగారిపేరిట నుండవలెను.

(2) దానిని వారు కోరినప్పుడు ఉపసంహరించుకొను హక్కును కలిగియుందురు.

(3) ఈ స్కూలు అదిమొదలు "వెంకటగిరి రాజా సంస్థాన పాఠశాల" అని పిలువబడవలెను.

(4) పై మొత్తపు వడ్డీని మాత్రమే స్కూలు అనుభవించవలెను దీనిని రాజావారే ద్రా చేసి స్కూలుకు చెల్లింతురు.

(5) రాజాగారు యీ స్కూలునకు పోషకులుగా పరిగణింపబడవలెను.

(6) స్కూలు భవిష్యత్తు ప్రమాద స్థితిలో నున్నప్పుడు ఆ మొత్తము రాజావారికే చెందవలయును. మొ॥నవి.

ఈ కానుక ఫలితముగా స్కూలు ఆర్థికస్థితి మెరుగుపడినది. దానితో సంస్థకు స్థిరత్వమును ఉపాధ్యాయులకు వెలజీతములు లభించగలవను నమ్మకమును ఏర్పడినది.

1887 లో కట్టడములు దుస్థితిలో నున్నందున, రిపేర్లు పూర్తిచేయువరకు ప్రభుత్వ గ్రాంటు ఆపివేయబడినది. మరలా రాజాగారి సహాయమర్థించవలసి వచ్చినది. శ్రీ రాజావారు రు. 5000/- లు విరాళముగను, మరియొక రు. 5000/- అప్పుగను ఇచ్చిరి. ఇది తరువాత పూర్తిగా తీర్చివేయబడినది. దీనితో మరమ్మత్తులు మాత్రమేగాక మరి మూడు క్రొత్త గదులు (ప్రస్తుత కాలేజ పడమటి వైపున) నిర్మింపబడినవి. ఈ బ్లాకుకు మద్రాసు గవర్నరుగారైన Lord Connemara ప్రారంభోత్సవము తే 12-11-1888 దిన జరిపిరి. మరల 1889 నుండి గ్రాంటు పునరుద్ధరింపబడెను. అదనపు రక్షణకుగా పాలకవర్గము 1900 లో నెల్లూరు పర్మనెంటు ఫండులో 10 షేర్లు కొనిరి. 1901 లో స్కూలు 1860 సంబపు XXI చట్టప్రకారము ఒక సొసైటీగా రిజిస్టరు చేయబడుటద్వారా దీనికి ఒక చట్టబద్ధమైన స్థాయి కలిగినది.

1901 లో అబ్దుల్ కరీంఖాన్ సాహెబుగారు రు. 2000/- విలువచేయు గృహమును బ్రాంచి స్కూలుకుగా దానముచేయుచు మరియొక రు. 2000/- లు విరాళము వాగ్దానము చేసెను. దురదృష్టవశమున తన ఆర్థిక పరిస్థితి తారుమారగుటచే తన వాగ్దానమును నెరవేర్చలేకపోయెను. 1902లో మద్రాసు గవర్నరు Lord Ampthill స్కూలును సందర్శించి బహుమతిప్రదానము చేసిరి. ఈ సందర్భములో వారిచేత క్రొత్త బ్లాకునకు పునాదిరాయి వేయించిరి. (ఈ బ్లాకులో East హాలు, దానికి దక్షిణమునగల గది కలవు.) East Hall కు ఉత్తరమునగల గదిని రాజా వెలుగోటి కృష్ణయాచేంద్ర బహదూర్‌వారు (అప్పటి రాజావారి తమ్ముడు) నిర్మించి యిచ్చిరి. ఈ బ్లాకు మొత్తము నిర్మాణమునకు రు. 11,300/- లు ఖర్చయినది 1908 లో గవర్నరు Lawley గారు స్కూలును సందర్శించునప్పటికి చక్కని భవనములతో స్కూలు భవన నిర్మాణమునకు రు. 82,012/- లు వెచ్చించుట జరిగినది.

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1889 లో పట్టణములో ఒక బ్రాంచి స్కూలు ప్రారంభించబడి, కొన్నేండ్లతరువాత అది మాతృసంస్థతో లీనమైపోయినది. 1905 ఫిబ్రవరిలో పట్టణములోని అక్కిరాజు రాఘవయ్య ప్రయిమరి స్కూలును ఈ స్కూలుకు బ్రాంచిగా తీసికొనబడినది. ఇదికూడా మాతృ సంస్థతో 1908 అక్టోబరులో కలిపివేయబడినది. రంగ నాయకులంపేటలో మరియొక బ్రాంచి 1908 మే లో ప్రారంభింపబడి, ఆర్థికసమస్యలవలన 1909 మే లో మూసివేయ బడినది. తరువాత 1912 నుండి 1928 ప్రాంతమువరకు చిన్నబజారులో ముత్తరాజు సుబ్బరామయ్యగారి పాఠశాల అనబడుచుండిన పాఠశాల దీనికి బ్రాంచిగ నుండెను. దీనిలో డి. ఏకాంబరయ్య, వేదం సూర్యనారాయణశాస్త్రి, కె. వెంకటేశయ్య మొ॥వారు ఉపాధ్యాయులుగ నుండెడి వారు. ప్రథమమున అచట 6వ తరగతి వరకును, తరువాత 8 వ తరగతి వరకును ఉండెడిది. ఈ బ్రాంచి స్కూలుకు H. M. గా నుండిన ఏకాంబరయ్యగారి పరిపాలన, క్రమశిక్షణ, స్వచ్ఛమైన పాశ్చాత్య వేషభాషలు ప్రత్యేకముగ నుండెడివి. హైస్కూలు హెడ్‌మాస్టర్లుగా నుండిన శ్రీ సంతానరామయ్యంగారు, శ్రీ దర్భల వెంకటసుబ్బయ్య గారు వారమునకు మూడు దినములు పర్యవేక్షించు చుండిరి. ఆ దినములలో, ఆ ప్రాంతమందు మరి ఏ యితర స్కూలు లేనందున అప్పటి పౌరులకు అత్యంత సౌకర్యముగ నుండి ప్రజాదరణ పొందుచుండినది. తర్వాత అది హైస్కూలు హాస్టలుగ నుండిన భవనము (మాతృసంస్థ ఆవరణము) లోనికి తరలింపబడినది.

1910 పిదప ఆర్థిక యిబ్బందులు, పాఠశాలకు స్థలాభావము తొలగి విద్యాలయము పట్టణమునందు వన్నె కెక్కినది. పాఠశాల గణుతికెక్కిన శ్రీ సంతానరామ అయ్యంగారు, శ్రీ దర్భల వెంకటసుబ్బయ్యగారు, శ్రీ భైరవరసు సుబ్బారావుగారు, శ్రీ కాకుటూరు నరసింహా రావుగారు మొ॥వారి సారథ్యములోను, అధ్యాపకులలో ప్రముఖులైన సర్వశ్రీ శింగరాచారి, శ్రీరామ అయ్యంగారు, రామస్వామి అయ్యరు, అక్కిరాజు రామమూర్తి, C. N. విఠల్‌రావు, దీపాల పిచ్చయ్యశాస్త్రి, గాదేపల్లి సుబ్రహ్మణ్యంగారలు ఇంకనూ అనేకుల నిరంతర కృషి వలనను పాఠశాల గణనీయమైన ప్రతిష్ఠ గడించినది. విద్యార్థుల సంఖ్య విపరీతముగా పెరిగిపోయి S.S.L.C. యందు 10 - 12 సెక్షనులు వరకు వుండిన సం॥లుకూడ కలవు. సంఖ్య మితిమీరుటవలన క్లాసులను ఆటస్థలము నకు ఉత్తరభాగమున నిర్మించిన semi-permanent గదులలోనికి తరలింపవలసి వచ్చెను.

1950 ప్రాంతము మొదలుకొని స్వర్గీయ శ్రీ ఏనుగు సుందరరామిరెడ్డిగారు ప్రస్తుత హైస్కూలు భవన నిర్మాణమును చేపట్టెను. అప్పటికే కాలేజి విస్తరించుచుండుట వలన, హైస్కూలు భవనములను కాలేజికి వదిలిపెట్టవలసి వచ్చెను. 1964 నాటికి హైస్కూలు నూతనభవనమునకు తరలింపబడినది.

లక్ష్మణస్వామి మొదలియార్ కమిటీ సిఫార్సుల మేరకు 7 సం॥ల సెకండరీ విద్యావిధానము ప్రవేశపెట్ట బడుటచే హైస్కూలు హైయ్యర్ సెకండరీ పాఠశాలంగా 1960 లో అప్‌గ్రేడు చేయబడి VI మొదలు XII తరగతులు ప్రవేశపెట్టబడినవి. XII క్లాసు విద్యార్థులు మొదటి జట్టు 1961 మార్చికి పంపబడిరి. ఈ కాలమున హెడ్మాస్టరుగా శ్రీ కె. రామలింగారెడ్డిగారుండిరి. అప్పుడు ఈశాన్య వైపున అసంపూర్ణముగ నుండిన నూతన భవనము పూర్తి చేయబడి అది వారిచే సర్వాంగసుందరము గావింపబడెను. ఈ దశాబ్దికాలమును వి. ఆర్. హైస్కూలు స్వర్ణయుగమని చెప్పవచ్చును. పరీక్షాఫలితములు (H. S. L. C.) క్రమముగా వృద్ధియగుచు, 1968 కి, 83 శాతమునకు పెరిగినది. ఈ శాతము స్కూలుచరిత్రలో రికార్డు సృష్టించినది. యీ స్కూలునందు ఇంగ్లీషు మీడియం ప్రారంభింపబడి, అధికసంఖ్యలో ప్రతిభగల విద్యార్థులు ఉత్తీర్ణులగుచు, అనేకమంది వృత్తి విద్యాలయములకు ఈ కాలములో

పెళ్ల గలిగిరి. ఈ విషయమున నెల్లూరు మండలములో దీనికిసాటి మరియొకటి లేకుండెను. అటల యంగాను 'క్రిగ్' టోర్నమెంట్లలో అధికభాగము ఆటలను గెల్చుటయే గాక, ఛాంపియన్ షిప్‌నుగూడ వరుసగా సంపాదించిరి. 1970 లో క్రొత్తగా ప్రవేశపెట్టిన ఇంటెగ్రేటెడు సిలబసు ప్రకారము (5 సం॥ల సెకండరీ విద్య, 2 సం॥ల ఇంటర్మీడియట్ 3 సం॥ల డిగ్రీ (10+2+3)) హైస్కూలును జూనియర్ కళాశాలగా మార్చుటకు ప్రభుత్వము సంకల్పింపగా, పాలకవర్గమువారు తమ అధీనములో ఒక ఫస్టు గ్రేడు కాలేజి వున్నందున మరియొక జూనియర్ కళాశాలను ప్రారంభించుటకు అనుమతి తెలిపినకారణమున హయ్యర్ సెకండరీ స్కూలును సెకండరీ స్కూలుగా డౌన్ గ్రేడు చేయుట జరిగినది. తత్ఫలితముగా ప్రస్తుతము VI క్లాసు మొదలు X క్లాసు వరకు గలవు.

ప్రస్తుత పరిస్థితి

ప్రస్తుతము ప్రతి క్లాసునందు 4 సెక్షనులు గలవు. వానిలో ఒకటి ఇంగ్లీషు మీడియం సెక్షను. విద్యార్థుల సంఖ్య సుమారు 1250. ప్రస్తుతముగల 37 మంది ఉపాధ్యాయులలో 9 మంది M.A. లు; 10 మంది B.Ed. లు; 5 మంది సెకండరి గ్రేడు ఉపాధ్యాయులు; ఇద్దరు గ్రేడు I తెలుగు పండితులు; సంస్కృతము, హిందీలకు M.A. తో సమాన విద్యార్హతలుగలవారు; ఒక గ్రేడు I ఉర్దూ మున్షి మరియు 5 మంది P.E.T. లు; ఒక పేరెన్నికగన్న డ్రాయింగు టీచరు మొ॥వారు గలరు. ఇంతటి ఉన్నత విద్యార్హతలుగల ఉపాధ్యాయవర్గము ఈ స్కూలు గర్వించదగిన విషయములలో నొకటి.

ఈ స్కూలులో పదార్థశాస్త్రమునకు - జీవశాస్త్రమునకు రెండు వేర్వేరు చక్కని ప్రయోగశాలలు గలవు. సైన్సుక్లాసులు ఈ ప్రయోగశాలలందే జరుగును. ఇవియే గాక అధునాతనమైన Audio-Visual Equipment సమృద్ధిగా గలదు. ఇవి SCERT, హైదరాబాదులో శిక్షణపొందిన ఒక M.A., B.Ed. ఆధ్వర్యమున గలవు.

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లైబ్రరీ ఈ స్కూలుకు గర్వకారణము. ఇది ప్రథమమున 1875 లో శ్రీ దొరస్వామిమొదలియార్, B.A., (H. Q. Police Inspector) గారిచే బహూకరింపబడిన కొన్ని పుస్తకములతోను, ఉదారులగు శ్రీ అమ్మూరు సుబ్బానాయుడు, యం. కొండపనాయుడు, పూండ్ల రామకృష్ణయ్య మొ॥వారిచే బహూకరించబడిన గ్రంథములతోను అభివృద్ధిచెంది ప్రస్తుతము 10,000 లకు పైగా ఇంగ్లీషు, తెలుగు, హిందీ, సంస్కృతము, ఉర్దూ, మొ॥ భాషల పుస్తకములతో నిండియున్నది. దీనిలో వందకుపైగా "ఎన్‌సైక్లోపీడియా"లు గలవు. దీనిని ఒక విజ్ఞానసర్వస్వమనుటలో అతిశయోక్తిలేదు. దీనికి అనుబంధముగానున్న రీడింగురూములో వివిధరకముల మేగజైనులు, జర్నల్సు, వార్తాపత్రికలు యుండి విద్యార్థులు విరామకాలమునందు చదువుకొనుటకు వసతి కలదు.

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వినరండి కనరండి విజ్ఞానధనులార !
వినుతిగను వీ.ఆర్.సి. విద్యాలయోన్నతిని ॥
సుంకు నారాయణుని సౌమనస్యముతోడ
మతవివక్షతలేని పాఠశాలగ నిద్ది
నెల్లూరునగరాన నెలకొల్పబడి నాడు
నూఱేండ్లచరితతో వరలుచున్నదినేడు ॥
దాతలెందఱొ యొసగు దానములతో పెరిగి
ఆల వేంకటగిరిప్రభుల ఆదరముతో వెలిగి
విద్యార్థపాలకుల విందుసేవల కలిగి,
నేటికీరూపాన నెగడెనిది నగరాన ॥
"చిత్తశుద్ధిగలిగి చేయుపుణ్యమ్మెపుడు
కొంచెమైననుగాని, కొండంతయై పెరుగు"
అని యన్న వేమన్న ఆణిముత్యపుమాట
వాస్తవమ్మై వెలయ, వరలు నీసంస్థ యిట ॥
మఱ్ఱివిత్తనమెంత ? మరి దానితరువెంత ?
అదిపెరిగి వ్యాపించి పదిమందికిడు నీడ !
అట్టులే యీ బడియు అభ్యుదయమునుపొంది
ఎందఱికొ విజ్ఞానమందిరమ్మై వెలసె ॥
ఉద్యోగధర్మమున ఉత్సాహమునుజూపి
బోధించువిషయమున, బుద్ధికుశలత నెఱపి
ధీవికాసముగూర్చు దేశికులెందఱొ
పోషించి పాలించి తోషమొసగినదిదియె ॥
ఎందరెందఱొయిచట ఎంతొ విద్యను నేర్చి
పట్టభద్రతనొంది ప్రముఖపదవులనంది
వివిధదేశములందు విలసిల్లుచున్నారు
విబుధలోకమునందు వినుతిగనుచున్నారు ॥

ఇచట చదివినవారు ఇచట నెదిగినవారు
విద్యాలయములందు వైద్యాలయములందు
రాజకీయములందు రహి న్యాయసభలందు
విలసిల్లుచున్నారు వివిధపదవులయందు
శ్రీమంతులేకాని శ్రీరహితులేకాని
అభ్యసించుటలోన అందఱొకటిగఁగూడి
బోధామృతముగ్రోలి బోద్ధలై వెలుగొంది
సద్ధర్మపథమందు సమ్మాన్యతను గనిరి ॥
చదువుసాములలోన సరసవాక్కులలోన
సంభావ్యతనుగన్న సద్గురులనిలయమై
శారదాపీఠముగ పేరుపొందుచు నిద్ది
విస్తరిల్లెను జ్ఞానవిభవమ్ము పెంపొంద ॥
విద్యావివేకములు వినయసౌశీల్యములు
విద్యార్థులకునెల్ల విపులమ్ముగాగలుగ
క్రమశిక్షణముతోడ సుమనోజ్ఞభావాల
కలుపుచుందురు గురులు, కరమువాత్సల్యాన ॥
నాడు నాటినమొలక, నేడు అందములొలుక,
శాఖోపశాఖలుగ శారదానిలయమై
నవనవోన్మేషమున నగరమందున వెలుగ
శతవసంతోత్సవము జరుగుచున్నది నేడు ॥
శ్రేయోభిలాషులిట చేరియుండెడివేళ
ఈయుత్సవము కమల కింపుసొంపులగూర్చ
"చిరకాలమీసంస్థ వరలవలె శుభకళల"
అనిప్రీతినాశింతు అభినందనలతోడ
ఆనందముననిత్తు అందాల సుమమాల ॥

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డాక్టరు శ్రీ ఏనుగ సుందరరామిరెడ్డి

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స్వర్గీయ శ్రీ ఏనుగ సుందరరామిరెడ్డిగారు డాక్టరుగా, జిల్లా ఆరోగ్యశాఖాధికారిగా, సంఘసేవకులుగా విద్యా విషయములందు ఆసక్తికలవారుగా నెల్లూరు, గుంటూరు మండలీయులకు చిరపరిచితులు.

వీరు 1893 లో బుచ్చిరెడ్డిపాలెమందు స్వర్గీయ పిచ్చిరెడ్డి - రామమ్మ దంపతులకు జన్మించిరి. వీరు నెల్లూరులోని C. A. M. హైస్కూలులో చదివి ఉన్నత విద్యకై మద్రాసు వెళ్ళిరి. అచ్చట ఇంటర్మీడియట్ పచ్చియప్ప కళాశాలలో చదివి ప్రెసిడెన్సీ కళాశాలలో పట్టభద్రులైరి. తర్వాత Madras Medical College యందు వైద్యవిద్యలో పట్టము పుచ్చుకొనిరి.

వీరు 1921 లో ఆరోగ్యశాఖాధికారిగా విశాఖ పట్టణమున, తదుపరి జిల్లా ఆరోగ్యశాఖాధికారిగా గుంటూరు నెల్లూరు జిల్లాలలోను పనిచేసిరి. వీరి ఉదారబుద్ధి కొనియాడతగినది. వీరు అనేకమంది పేదవిద్యార్థులకు, బలహీనవర్గములవారికి సహాయపడుచుండెడివారు. వీరిని

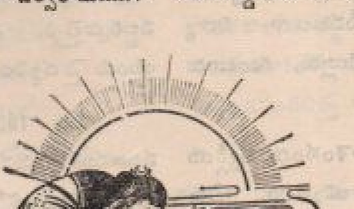
సహాయమర్థించిన పేదవిద్యార్థులు రిక్తహస్తములతో తిరిగి వెళ్లినవారు లేరనిన అతిశయోక్తి కాదు.

వీరు 1948 లో, ఉద్యోగవిరమణ వయస్సుకు రెండేండ్లముందే పదవీవిరమణచేసి, శేషజీవితమంతయు నెల్లూరునందే గడిపిరి. వీరు మా కళాశాల పాలకవర్గములో మొదట సభ్యులుగాను తర్వాత కార్యదర్శిగాను సేవచేసి, మాకళాశాల హైస్కూలులయొక్క పురోభివృద్ధికి ఎంతయో కృషి గావించిరి. మా కళాశాల భవనములు అనేకము వీరి కాలములో కట్టబడినవే; వీరు ప్రతిదినము మండుటెండనుకూడ లెక్కచేయక కూలీలవద్ద నిలబడి పర్యవేక్షించెడివారు. వీరు కాలేజిలో విద్యార్థులు ఏ గదికి పోవలెనన్నను, వర్షములో తడువకుండా పోగలుగునట్లు Corridor నిర్మాణమునకు పథకమును తయారుచేసిరి. అంతేగాక ఒకేసారి 500 మంది విద్యార్థులకు సరిపోవు 'కాలేజి క్యాంటిన్' నిర్మాణమునుకూడ తలపెట్టిరి. ఈ హాలే ప్రస్తుతము 35, 36, 37 నంబరు గదులుగా మారినది.

వీరు మా హైస్కూలుకు చేసిన సేవ మరపురానిది. పూర్వపు హైస్కూలు బిల్డింగు ఒక ప్లానుప్రకారము కట్టక పోవుటచే - హెడ్‌మాస్టరు పర్యవేక్షించుటకు చాలకష్టముగా నుండెడిది. అందుచేత హెడ్‌మాస్టరు తన గదిముందు నిలువబడినచో అన్ని గదులలోని తరగతులు కనబడునట్లు ఒక క్రొత్త భవనమును (ప్రస్తుతమున్న హైస్కూలు భవనము) కారిడార్‌తోసహా నిర్మించెను. యీ భవన నిర్మాణసమయమునందు వారు పునాదులనుండి, రెండు గదుల కప్పుమినహా, పూర్తియగువరకు నిర్విరామముగా నిద్రాహారములు మాని, మండుటెండను వానను లెక్కచేయక శ్రమించి పూర్తిచేయించిరి. యీసమయములోనే వారి ఆరోగ్యము దెబ్బతిని 1961 మార్చి 9 న హఠాత్తుగా మరణించిరి

వీరికి విద్యాబోధనయందు గొప్ప అభిలాష గలదు. వీరు వారమునకు ఒక గంట teaching work యివ్వమని నన్ను ఎన్నోసార్లు అడిగియుండిరి. అంతేకాక వీరికి ఉపాధ్యాయులపట్లగల సానుభూతి అపారము. వీరు తన స్వంతపూచీపై అప్పుతెచ్చి ఉపాధ్యాయులకు సకాలమందు జీతములు చెల్లించిన సంఘటనలు అనేకములు గలవు. అట్లుచేయుటలో ఆయన గొప్ప తృప్తిని వెలిబుచ్చెడివారు. ఉపాధ్యాయులను పలకరించి జీతము తీసికొన్నారుకదా? అని అడిగి తన ఆనందమును వెలిబుచ్చెడివారు. విద్యా విషయమున వీరి శ్రద్ధకు గుర్తింపుగా నెల్లూరు పురపాలక సంఘమువారు మూలాపేటలోని హైస్కూలుకు వారి పేరు పెట్టుట ఎంతయో సంతోషించదగినది. ఈ కార్యమునకై శ్రీ పట్టాభిరామరెడ్డిగారు మునిసిపాలిటీవారికి రు. 20,000/- లను విరాళముగా యిచ్చుట ఎంతయో శ్లాఘనీయము.

శ్రీ రెడ్డిగారి జీవితవిశేషములను పెక్కింటిని తెలిసికొనుటకు నాకు తోడ్పడిన శ్రీ ఏనుగ పట్టాభిరామ రెడ్డిగారికి, ఈ సదవకాశమును నాకు కల్గించి, యీ విధముగా నైన ఉపాధ్యాయుడుగా శ్రీ రెడ్డిగారికి నా ఋణమును కొంతవరకు తీర్చుకొనుటకు అవకాశమిచ్చిన శ్రీ కె. రామ లింగారెడ్డిగారికి నా కృతజ్ఞతలు.



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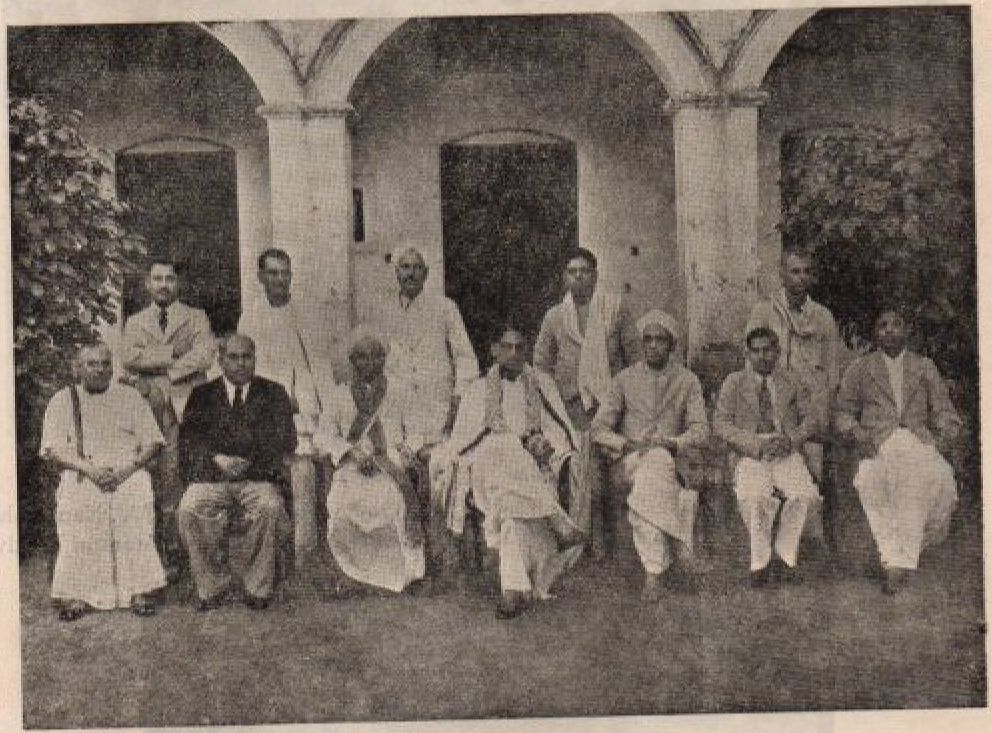

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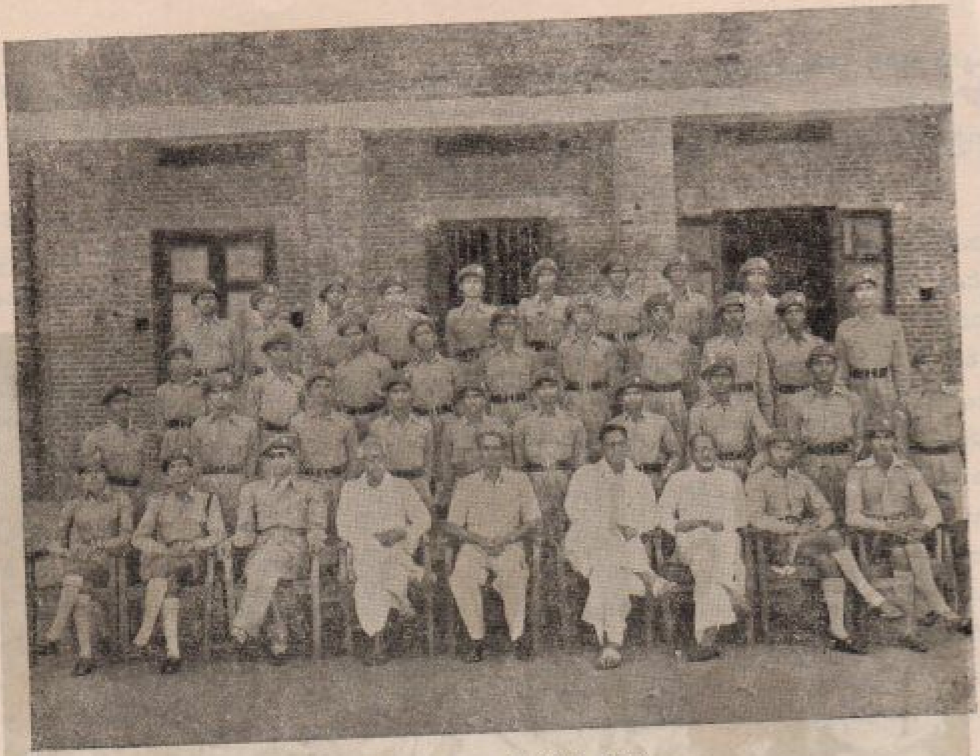

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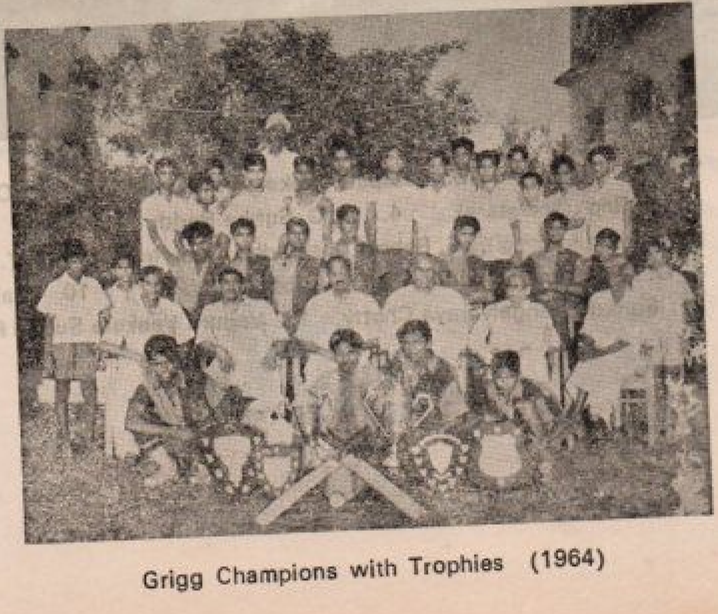

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Rtd. H. M.
V. R. C High School, Nellore

Late Sri A. C. Subba Reddy was born at Rajahmundry on 17-3-1906 while his father Late Sri A. Subbarami Reddy was serving as a Police Officer there. He inherited the bewitching and imposing personality of his parents. He studied in V. R. High School and for some time in C. A. M. High School. As a student, interested in Tennis, he was closely associated with the family of Rev. Mr. Fishman, who was the Principal then. The noble qualities of his heart attracted a trusted band of friends towards him. They belonged to all classes of Hindus, Muslims, Christians and also Parsees and Anglo Indians that resided in Nellore then. He used to render financial help, irrespective of caste and creed to many friends, for their studies, who later occupied high positions and remained life long associates and followers. He used to treat his friends who strayed away from him as 'prodigal sons'.

After completing his High School course he joined in Intermediate Class in Pachiappa's College, Madras He was cherishing very high hopes of going abroad for higher studies. But, in 1928, the sudden death of his father came as a bolt from the blue and shattered all his hopes, which proved to be day dreams. He had to discontinue his studies abruptly at Madras and return to Nellore to look after his family affairs. Though he was the son of a Police Officer, whose leanings were towards the Justice Party, which was in its hey day then, his mind turned towards the National Congress Movement, much against the will of his kith and kin. The Veteran Congress Leaders of those days expressed surprise at the keen interest he took in the activities of the Congress from amidst unexpected quarters. He abandoned wearing his usual stylish foreign suits and evening hats and took to wearning snow white Khaddar garbs.

He started taking interest in Social work. His broad outlook and jovial temper endeared him to every one and all that came into contact with him and he became a popular leader of a rare type even when he was very young. He was imprisoned for 6 months in 1942 in the Satyagraha Movement. He served as Municipal Chairman for an unprecedented long period. There was no public institution in Nellore with which he was not closely associated as a guiding force.

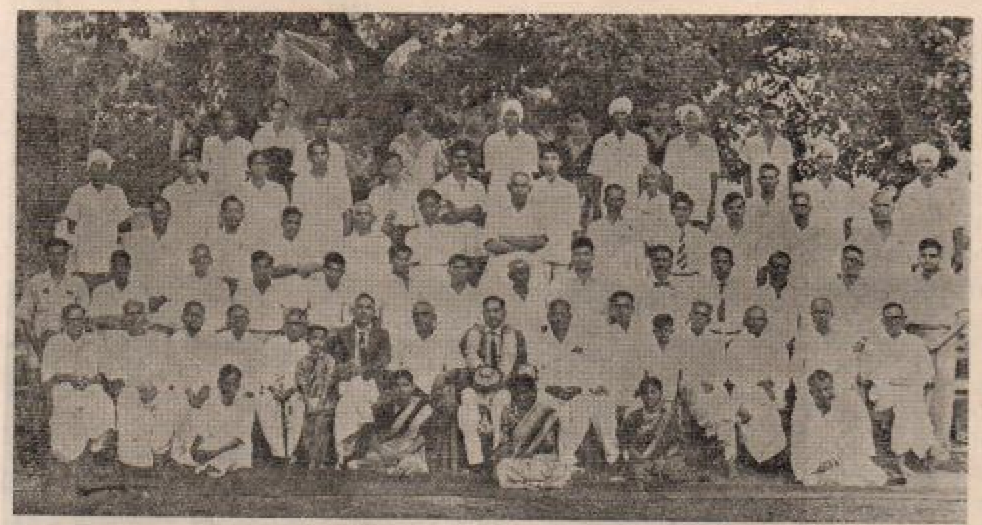
HIS ASSOCIATION & SERVICES TO V.R.C. HIGH SCHOOL :-

He was a student of V.R.C. High School from the lower classes right up to S.S.L.C. He was a good sportsman and took great interest in Sports and Games· Tennis was of special interest to him. He represented the V.R. High school in many tournaments and won individual trophies also. After entering public life, this institution became his first love.

He was a member, president and secretary of the managing committee for a long time. In the history of this institutions the services rendered by Late sri A.C. Subba Reddy find a prominent place. It is an undisputed fact that he was responsible for raising the institution to a first grade Colleges He did all the spade work for its development and gave full co-operation to the subsequent secretaries of the managing committee. When he was the Minister he was at the beck and call of the Management for any possible help through his go d offices from Hyderabad. As Minister, he visited the school and participated in many school functions whenever he was requested to. His attachment to the school continued literally to the last minute of his existance in this world.

His death on 20-9-67 was mourned by every one of this place as a domestic calamity. It is the irony of fate that this school which was his first love in his public life should be selected for keeping his dead body for public view. The public thronged in thousands, including the Chif Minister, the Speaker of the Parliament, the Director of Public Instruction and many other V.I.Ps to offer their last respects to him. His last journey which still remains green in the minds of the citizens of Nellore, started from this school with state honours to the sound of the "last post" played by the police band. All those that love the school will remember him with loving gratitude as long as this institulion lasts.

V. R. C. High School Staff Association - 1962



Sitting 1st Row : 1. T. R. Gopalakrishnan, 2. Smt. P. Siromanie, 3. Smt. Virgilia, 4. Smt. K. Sowbhagyam, 5. P. Munaiah.

,, *2nd Row :* 1. M. Narayana Rao, 2. B. Suryanarayana, 3. M. Chakrapani, 4. V. Sreeramulu, 5. K. S. Sundararaja Rao, 6. D. Sundara Rao, 7. K. Rajagopala Naidu, 8. K. Ramalinga Reddy (Head Master), 9. G. Sivaiah, 10. G. Govindaiah, 11. P. Subrahmanyam, 12. G. Satyanarayana, 13. G. V. Rama Rao, 14. S. Pattabhirama Murthy.

Standing 1st Row : 1. Sd. Dawood Hussainy, 2. P. Veeraiah, 3. P. Subramanyachari, 4. V. Raghupathi, 5. B. U. S. Chalapathi Rao, 6. L. Monan Rao, 7. G. Sankaraiah, 8. K. Subbaiah, 9. I. V. Rami Reddy, 10. G. Madana Gopal, 11. P. Sreenivasulu Reddy, 12. K. Venkatachari, 13. J. Krishnaiah, 14. A. Ramakrishna Reddy.

,, *2nd Row :* 1. P. Sreeramulu, 2. C. V. Ramanaiah, 3. S. Narasimham, 4. S. V. Sesha Sarma, 5. R. P. Shoury, 6. N. Kanakam Babu, 7. Narayana Swamy, 8 M. Subrahmanya Sarma.

,, *3rd Row :* 1. Marker, 2. M. Krishna Murthy, 3. P. Venkata Subbaiah, 4. N. V. Subbaraju, 5. Krishnaswamy, 6. P. Srinath, 7. K. Venkatarayulu, 8. Y. Ramamurthy, 9. Y. Balaiah, 10. Peon, 11. Peon.

,, *last Row :* 1. Servant, 2. C. D. Prasad, 3. Watchman, 4. P. R. Reddy, 5. B. Narayanaiah, 6. P. V. L. Rao, 7. Servant, 8. I. N. Reddy, 9. Peon, 10. C. V. S. Reddy, 11. Servant.

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1st Row : (Seated) V. Ganesan, M. Narayana Rao, G. Subba Rao, A. Hanumantha Rao, K. Rajaratnam, C. V. Narasimha Rao (Head Master), C. N. Vital Rao, K. K. Visvanatham, V. Rama Prabhu, G. Govindaiah, Ch. Jayarama Sastri, G. Subrahmanyam.

2nd Row : O. M. Krishna Rao, P. Subrahmanyam, G. V. Ramana Rao, D. Sundara Rao M. Chakrapani, P. Venkateswarlu, M. Sankaraiah, B. Suryanarayana, D. Venkateswarlu, N. Kesavacharlu, M. Janakirama Reddy.

3rd Row : T. Venkatasubbaiah, V. S. Ragavan, C. V. Ramanaiah, G. Satyanarayana, P. Sreeramulu, V. Ramanatham, P. S. Ramanaiah, P. Munaiah, K. Bhujanga Rao, V. Venka Reddy, M. Raghava Rao, N. S Rangaswamy, J. Krishnaiah.

4th Row : Attender, S. Kuppuswamy, M. Subrahmanyam, D. Veeramani, S. Parthasarathy, S. V. Sesha Sarma, K. Ramanatha Sarma, P. Narasaiah, G. R. Gowrisankar.

5th Row : Peons 2, K. Ramalinga Reddy, K. V. Rajagopal, G. Sivaiah. V. Venkatappaiah, G. S. Gupta, Peons 4.

"The Headmaster Who Has Become a Legend- Sreeman A. Santhanarama Iyengar, B. A., L. T."

By M. Sri Rama Iyengar
M.A., L.T.,
Former Teacher, V. R. C. High School,
Rtd, Lecturer, V. R. College, Nellore.

My old student, Sri K. Ramalinga Reddy, retired H. M. and the Convenor, Souvenir Committee, V. R. C. High School Centenary Celebrations has desired that I should give a writeup of my teacher and Headmaster. How can I resist the temptation and the privilege? It gives me a chance to pay my homage to the architect of the excellence and the eminence to which our school was brought.

Sri Iyengar joined the school in 1901 and served for 22 years. He was a brilliant student, having secured a First Class in English in B. A. He hails from Tanjore but has given his heart and soul to Nellore to develop the institution entrusted to his care. He constructed a big house and lived in the heart of Nellore Town, right in the middle of the Trunk Road which has become an important business centre now. He gave his heart to the school. He had planned to spend the evening of his life in Nellore and so bought some lands too. He died in harness in 1922 and his ashes have got mixed up with the sands of the pavitra Pinakini. His spirit, I am sure, still hovers over the school, nay, the college too.

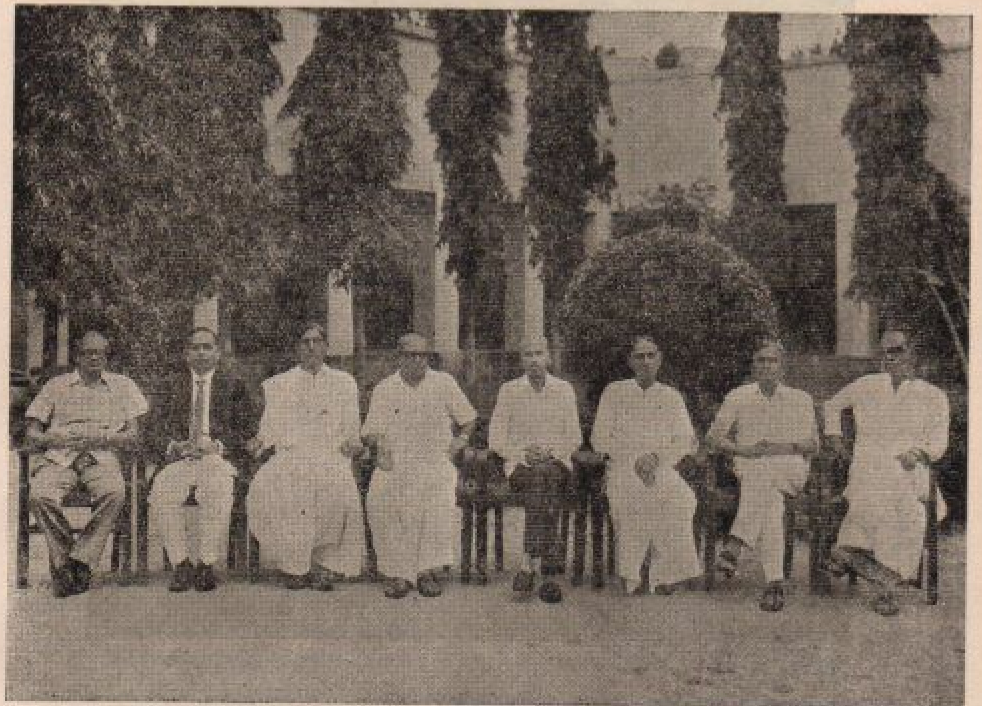
Many may not know that he did a lot of spade work to raise our school to the status of second grade college. The management gave him full powers. He raised contributions from the public when the East Hall was constructed. The library and the laboratory which he built up and equipped were pronounced, even by the University Commission, to be adequate for the requirements of a College That was the foresight of the man. He was short of stature and dark in complexion. The long coat which he wore made him look shorter. But he was an intellectual giant and a stalwart among educationists. The pupils looked up to him with awe. He punished the erring students without fear or favour irrespective of their social status or physical stature. At the same time he was kind to the poor students and helped them when they were in need. The Inspecting Authorities were all praise for his powers of organization, discipline and integrity. He was considered an authority in the methods of English teaching. The Grammar Syllabus which he drew up was recommended as a model to be copied by the other schools, by the Inspectorate. About his ability to teach English andto train students to write chaste Style, there cannot be a greater testimony than the words of Sri Khasa Subba Rao, the great Journalist and old boy of our school. He used to publicly acknowledge his indedtebness to his Headmaster.

The public honoured him. Though he hailed from the far off district of Tanjore and did not have the advantage of being a local person he gained such a popularity, stature and status in the public life of Nellore that he was elected Municipal Chairman. Just imagine the greatness of the gentleman in becoming the First Citizen in this town from the humble position of a Headmaster of a local High School. He did many monumental works. He got many narrow streets in the town widened. The present Municipal Office was constructed during his period of Chairmanship. He was very broad minded and Cosmopolitan. He was a bold and fearless poineer. He insisted all members of the staff to sit to-gether for lunch when they went on Excursions. He persuaded the management to admit girls in to the High School Classes. But public opinion was too conservative. The Headmaster won the hearts of all his colleagues, though he was reported to be a hard task master. He introduced Tamil and Kannada in our school for the sake of two or three students. He provided leisure to the Urdu Munshi on Fridays to go to the Namaz. He thought of tree planting even in those days. He made the school garden so picturesque, that it figured as the back drop for many photographs. We had roses, plantains, the flame of the forest and other ever greens to make our eyes cool even in mid-summer.

He had thought of Padaystra and some people mis-understood him for some of his ways. It was his daily habit to go walking in the evenings accompanied by a peon. One evening he was in Mulapet and the next evening found him in Nawabpet. He wanted to study the environmental conditions under which his peoples and the citizens worked and lived. He did not play any game. But he was sport in the true spirit. He attended all the inter-school meets in which our school participated. His black face used to beam with joy when-ever a boy got the "Grigg Medal". He declared a holiday and held a Darbar in the East Hall to congratulate the boy. He encouraged the pupils to organise exhibitions, elocution competitions, amateur dramatics and English plays. Here was a Headmaster who was an aristocrat in the Teaching Community. All the members of the profession should feel proud of him. He was the Municipal Chairman while being the Headmaster. He rode in a four wheeled coach, drawn by a white horse to the School and to the Municipal Office from his residence, wearing a gold laced Venkatagiri Turban, an Alpaca long coat and a silk boardered Salem Dhoti. A peon carried a cushion before he entered the class room. Was there any other instance of a Headmaster enjoying such a status at any other time and any other place?

When our school was raised to the status of a Second Grade College, there was a school of thought that wanted to choose the Headmaster as the first Principal. It would have been a fitting tribute to his yeoman service in the cause of education. But alas, it was not to be. The Headmaster in a fit of despondency wished to resign and disappear from the scene of his quarter of a century of service. No less a person than the then Dewan of Venkatagiri Raja Varu, the Patron, came and persuaded the Headmaster to continue as H. M. on the same salary and status as the Principal. Thus the High School got Autonomy. This move saved the unhappy situation. But it did not save our beloved Headmaster. He took this move (of noconfidence) too seriously. May his soul guide and bless the destiny of our Alma Mater.

Present Managing Committee



1. Yadlapalli Venkateswarlu, 2. S. Subba Rao (Principal-in-charge), 3. K. Ramanadham, 4. Gattupalli Subrahmanyam, 5. P. V. Ramana Reddy (Treasurer), 6. Menakuru Audisesha Reddy (Secretary), 7. T. Sundara Rami Reddy, 8. Basheeruddin.

ABSENT: 1. V. V. V. R. K. Yachendra, 2. V. R. G. K. Yachendra Bahadur.

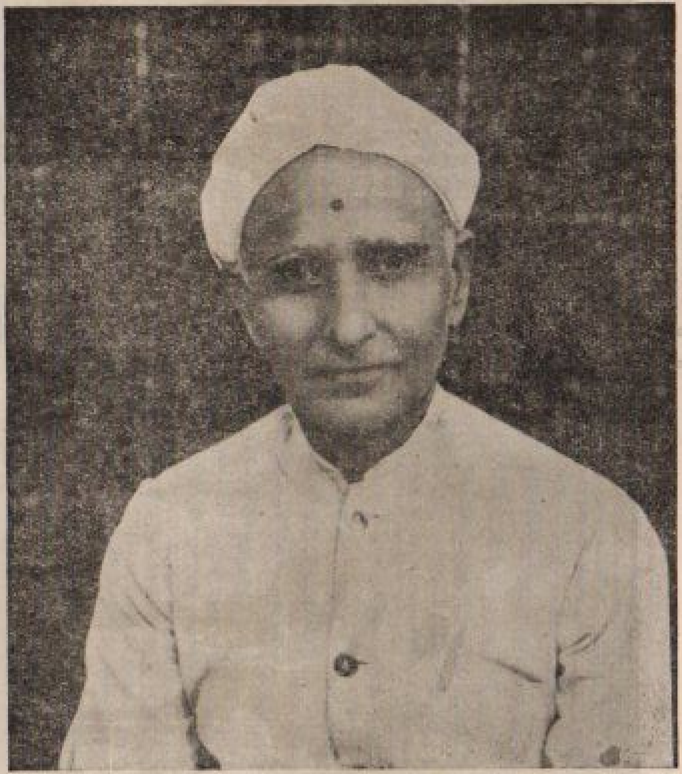
Anam Bhaktavastala Reddy.
Member.

L. V. Krishna Reddy.
Member.

Epuru Kumaraswamy Reddy
Member.

PAST SECRETARIES

Sri Madabhushi Narasimhachari.



Sri Ovveti Viswanadha Rao.

SRI MADABHUSHI NARASIMHA CHARI'S SERVICES TO THE INSTITUTION.

Sri Madabhushi Narasimha Chariar was the Secretary & Correspondent of V. R. C. High School and College for over 25 years. The yeoman service rendered by him in the early years when the institution was in great financial stress cannot be adequately expressed. On several occasions he, along with another member Sri T. V. Sivaramaiah, borrowed large amounts on personal security for the disbursment of salaries to teachers. His relentless efforts were primarily responsible for the raising of the High School in to a Second Grade College in 1920. His ardent wish was to see it made a First Grade College, but cruel fate snatched him away and denied him of the pleasure of witnessing the fulfilment of his heart's desire. He was so kind, sympathetic and large-hearted that he won the affection and respect of everyone connected with the institution.

Akkaraju Ramamurthy,
Rtd. Teacher, V. R. C. High School.

Successive Secretaries of the V. R. C High School Committee.

1. Sri Meenambakam Tiruvengadam Pillai (Huzur Treasurer)-1875-76.
2. ,, S. W. Seethambaram Pillai (Assistant Surgeon)-1876-82.
3. ,, V. Sesha Iyer (Registrar of Assurances)-1882-84.
4. ,, Pinnamaraju Laxmi Narasu (I Grade Pleader)-1884-88.
5. ,, T. V. Venkataramana Iyer (High Court Vakil)-1888-98.
6. ,, Sunku Narayana Swamy Chetty (Rtd. Dewan of V'Giri)-1898-99.
7. ,, Mydavolu Chengaiah (High Court Vakil) Asst. Secretary-1898-99.
8. ,, Madabhushi Narasimha Chari - 1923-37
   (During 1937-38 the then President acted as Secretary also)
9. ,, Tumuluru V. Sivaramaiah - 1938.
10. ,, Ovveti Viswanadha Rao - 1938-45.
11. ,, A. C. Subba Reddy - 1945-50.
12. ,, Dr. Enuga Sundara Rama Reddy - 1950-59.
13. ,, Menakuru Audi Sesha Reddy - 1959-

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SRI MENAKURU AUDI SESHA REDDY, B. A., B. L.,

(The Present Secretary & Correspondent)

By P. V. Ramana Reddy, B. A LL. B.,
Advocate,
Treasurer, V. R. C. Managing Committee.

Sri M. Audi Sesha Reddy took charge as Secretary of the Managing Committee in the year 1959. He is a leading member of the Nellore Bar. He is kind and philanthropic. He made substantial donations to the High School and Hospital in his native village, Vidavalur, Kovur taluk. By nature he is simple, out spoken and unostentatious. Integrity and uprightness in his dealings, and aversion to any kind of publicity are special features with him.

He evinces great interest in the development of the institutions. It is to his credit that the institutions under his charge are being managed very efficiently to the satisfaction of one and all. He is mainly responsible for the coming into existence of V. R. Evening College and the V. R. Law College. He follows the rules without any extraneous considerations. He is sparing no pains to acquire all the available vacant sites in the neighbourhood for the institutions. His mind is keenly engaged in planning the construction of new buildings with deep foresight. It is his earnest desire to provide hostels, play fields with lawns, swimming pools, canteens etc., for the students. With the co-operation of all concerned, his dreams will become true in the near future.

Grateful compliments are due to him from the public in large measure, for the selfless and dedicated service rendered by him to the development of the institution in all possible directions. May God shower on him blessings of long life and good health for serving the Institution for many more years to come.

Successive Presidents Of V. R. C. High School Committee.

1. Adakki Narayana Rao Pantulu garu (Treasury Dy. Collector)
2. R. Venkata Krishna Rao Pantulu garu (Huzur Sheristadar)
3. T. Jayaram Naidu garu (Huzur Sheristadar)
4. C. Venkata Jagga Rao Naidu garu (Assistant Collector)
5. I. Sarabhalingam Naidu garu (Forest Settlement Officer)
6. G. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu garu (Dist. Munsiff)
7. T. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu garu (Dist. Munsiff)
8. Dewan Bahadur V. Jagannadham Pantulu garu (Dy. Collector)
9. Y. Janaki Ramaiah garu (Dist. Munsiff)
10. R. A. Srinivasa Iyengar Avl., (Executive Engineer)
11. A. Venkata Ramana Pai, Esq. (Dist. Judge)
12. Raja V. Venkatakrishna Yachendra Bahadur Varu (of V' Giri)
13. G. Kothanda Ramanujulu Naidu garu (Dist. Munciff)
14. Mydavolu Chengaiah garu (1923)
15. Kasukhela Seethapathi Rao garu (1925)
16. Vissa Rajagopala Rao garu (1929)
17. A. C. Subba Reddy garu (1938)
18. Rao Bahadur Ponaka Govinda Reddy garu (1945)
19. A. C. Subba Reddy garu (1959)
20. Rebala Laxmi Narasa Reddy garu (1960)
21. V. V. V. R. K. Yachendra garu (1970)
22. Anam Venkata Reddy garu (1975)

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Some of the eminent old boys of our School

"A tree is known by its fruits;
A mine is judged by its gems."

So also, a School is known by the galaxy of pupils it has sent out. This list is only suggestive, but not by any means exhaustive.

1.	Sri Bezawada Gopala Reddy	Ex. Governor, Chief Minisrer, Central Minister
2.	,, Palagani Chandra Reddy,	(Rtd. Chief Jusice, Ex. Acting Governor)
3.	,, C. V. L. Narasimham	Rtd. Chief Justice
4.	,, M. Seshachalapathi	Rtd. Judge of High Court
5.	,, M. R. A. Ansari	Chief Justice, High Court, J & K.
6.	,, A. Gangadhara Rao	Judge, A. P. High Court
7.	,, K. M. Krishnamurthy	Rtd. District Judge
8.	,, K. P. Narayana Rao	District Judge, Chittoor
9.	,, M. Mohanarami Reddy	District Judge
10.	,, V. Pola Reddy	Distriet Judge
11.	,, N. Raghavachari	I C. S., Retired
12.	,, M. S. Rajajee	I. A. S., Chittoor
13.	,, Miss M. S. Ramesh	I. A. S.,
14.	,, Dr. B. Ramalinga Reddy	Rtd. D. M. S., Mysore
15.	,, Dr. B. Govinda Reddy	Rtd. Principal Madras Medical College
16.	,, Dr. D. V. Subba Reddy	Rtd. Principal, Gandhi Medical College, Hyd.
17.	,, Dr. K. Venkata Reddy	Rtd. D. M. O.
18.	,, Dr. M. V. Krishna Reddy	President, A. P. State Medical Assn., Ex. M. L. C.
19.	,, Dr. B. Durga Prasad,	Brig. General, A M. C.,

20.	,,	Dr. P. C. Reddy	Ex. I. N. A.
21.	,,	Dr. G. Sundararami Reddy	Major
22.	,,	Dr. K. Ramamohana Reddy	Cardio Thoracic Surgeon
23.	,,	Dr. M: Venkatarami Reddy	Prof. of Opthalmology
24.	,,	Dr. N Ramachanda Rao	Prof. of Medicine
25.	,,	Prof. K. Rami Reddy	Rtd. Principal, S. V. Arts College, Tirupati)
26.	,,	M. S. Raghavan	Rtd. Principal, V. R. College
27.	,,	R. Subba Reddy	-do-
28.	,,	K. Jagan Mohan Rao	-do-
29.	Miss	Ahmed Beebi	Former Principal, D. K. Govt. College for women, Nellore
30	Sri	Gurram Subbaramaiah	Rtd Principal, Nidubrolu
31.	,,	A. S. Narasimha Iyengar	Rtd. Principal, Tamilnadu
32.	,,	Anam Padmanabha Reddy	Rtd. R. D. D. P. I., A. P
33.	,,	P. Koteswaram	Rtd. Director General, Meteorology N. Delhi.
34.	,,	Y. Paramasiva Rao	Director General Meteorology, New Delhi
35.	,,	C. Krishna Reddy	Rtd. Chief Engineer
36.	,,	P. Gopalakrishna Reddy	Chief Engineer
37.	,,	G. K. Reddy	-do-
38.	,,	A. Kodandaramaiah	Chief Engineer, Railways
39.	,,	P. Narayana Reddy	Dy. Chief Engineer, Railways
40.	,,	P. Bapa Reddy	Dy. Director, Animal Husbandry, A. P.
41.	,,	K. V. Ramana Reddy	Live Stock Officer, A. P.
42.	,,	B. Sivarami Reddy	Scientist, (U. S. A.)
43.	,,	G. Ranga Reddy	Rtd. S. P.
44.	,,	K. Anandaiah,	I. P. S.
45.	,,	M. Dhanwantara Reddy	Managing Director, A P State Seed Devt. Corpn., Hyd.
46.	,,	A. C. Subba Reddy	Minister
47.	,,	R. Dasaradharama Reddy	Speaker, A.P Assembly&Ex. M.P.
48.	,,	Anam Sanjeeva Reddy	Ex-Minister, M L C
49.	,,	Anam Venkata Reddy	Minister
50.	,,	K. V Raghunadha Reddy	Central Minister
51.	,,	Kakuturu Venkataramana Reddy	M. P.

52.	,,	Vangallu Kodandarami Reddy	M. P., M. L. A.
53.	,,	Rebala Lakshminarasa Reddy	M. P.
54,	,,	Osman Ali Khan,	M P
55,	,,	Pellakuru Ramachandra Reddy	M L A
56,	,,	Vennelakanti Raghavaiah,	M L A
57.	,,	Vemareddy Ramachandra Reddy	M L A
58.	,,	Sunku Chengalvaraya Chetty	M L C
59.	,,	Ponnaluru Veeraraghava Reddy	M L C
60,	,,	Gunupati Ramachandra Reddy	M L C
61.	,,	Dega Ramagopala Reddy	M L C
62,	,,	Annadatha Madhava Rao	M L A
63,	,,	M. Madhava Rao	M L C
64,	,,	Duvvuru Rami Reddy	Poet, Film Director, Painter, Sculptor.
65	,,	Marupuru Kodandarami Reddy	Writer, (Member, Sahitya Academy, A. P.
66.	,,	Mocharla Ramakrishnaiah	Poet
67.	,,	Badi Gurava Reddy	Writer, (Member, Sahitya Academy of Nataka Academy, A. P.)
68.	,,	Gunturu Seshendra Sarma	Poet
69.	,,	Durbha Ramamurthy	Writer
70.	,,	Khasa Subba Rao	Editor, Swathantra
71.	,,	G. K. Reddy	Member, Editorial Board, The Hindu
72.	,,	Nellore Sreeramamurthy	Zamin Ryot (Journalist)
73.	,,	Ghantasala Balaramaiah	Film Director
74.	,,	T. V. Ramana Reddy	Cine Actor
75.	,,	Gadepalli Ramaiah	Stage & Cine Artist
76.	,,	Y. V. Rao	Film Director
77.	,,	P. Pullaiah	Film Director
78.	,,	A. V. Reddy	Industrialist - Anam Cables, Kadiyam
79.	,,	B. N. Prasad	Prasad Process, Madras.
80.	,,	D. S. Reddy	Mica Exporter, Gudur
81.	,,	V. Chandrasekhar	Fun Doctor
82.	,,	Allareddy Sankara Reddy	Film Producer
83.	,,	Allareddy Syamasundara Reddy	Industrialist, Savera Hotel, Madras
84.	,,	T. Krishnamurthy	Superintending Engineer, Kakinada
85.	,,	J. V. Prasad	do R. & B.
86.	,,	J. Budaga Rao	Dy. Director, Central Leather Research Institute, Guindy, Madras
87.	,,	J. Raghunatha Rao	C.E , Coramandal Fertilizers, Vizag.
88.	,,	J. Subbaiah	Principal, Agricultural College, Tirupathi

89. ,,	Adigopula Radhakrishnaiah	Railway Engineer
90. ,,	D. Radhakrishna Reddy	Div. Engineer
91. ,,	D Dasaradharami Reddy	Supt. Engineer
92. ,,	M. Tiru Venkatachary	Supt, Engineer
93. ,,	Dr. C. V. Raghavam M Sc., Ph D	V. R. College
94. ,,	Dr. C V. Ramachandra Rao, M A Ph. D	V R College
95. ,,	Dr. K. Purushottam M A Ph. D	Sarvodaya College, Nellore.
96. ,,	Dr. O. Ramachandraiah M. A., Ph D	
97. ,,	Dr. K. V. S. Krishna Murthy, M. Sc., Ph. D., (U.S.A.)	Prof. of Chemistry, Georgetown University, Washington, &UNESCO Consultant
98. ,,	Dr. K. Sudarsan Ph. D.,	
99. ,,	Dr. K. V. Narasimha Chary M.Sc., Ph.D.,	Chief Chemist, Antibiotic Pimpri, Poona.
100. ,,	Dr. B. Rajendra Prasad, M. A., Ph D.,	Lecturer, Nagarjuna 'versity Guntur
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102 ,,	Dr. N. Krishna Rao M. A., Ph. D.,	Reader, A. U. 'varsity, Waltair.
103. ,,	Dr. P. Ramakrishna M. Sc., Ph. D.,	Prof. U. S. A.
104. ,,	Dr. P. Viswanadham M. Sc., Ph. D ,	U. S. A.
105. ,,	Dr. M. L. Kantha Rao M. A., Ph. D.,	Reader, S. V. U., P. G. Centre, Anantapur
106 ,,	Dr. Vedam Ramamurthy M. Sc., Ph. D ,	Reader, do
107. ,,	Dr, G, V, Seshadri Reddy	Dist, Health Officer

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ADDENDUM

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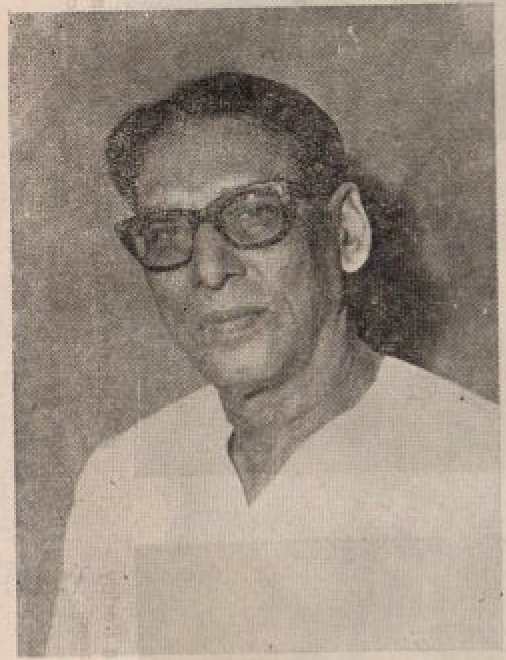

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4. Ekantha Ranga Naidu (Special Physiology Teacher).

Boys at work in Natural Science Laboratory

Our D. E. O.

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Ex. Officio Member,
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All the major trophies were won by our boys in the year 1964

Reminiscences of an Inspecting Officer

By :

Sri B. Swami Doss
Retired District
Educational Officer,
Nellore.

"To eat the fruits thereof within a few months, plant a crop;
"To eat the fruits thereof for tens of years, plant a tree;
"To enjoy the fruits thereof for centuries, plant an institution

So runs the old Chinese adage which has full relevance here. The universal truth expressed in the cited lines is true in case of the V. R. C. High School, Nellore, as well.

This great institution which occupies a pride of place in the history of the district had its humble beginnings ten decades back. It has matured to its present magnitude and stature, certainly by dint of industry and relentless efforts of integrity, involving acts of great sacrifice on the part of its Poineers, Headmasters and scores of Teachers. This institution, like any other of its counterparts, must have had its strains and stresses, faced issues, braved challenges, passed through changes; pocketted indignities, swallowed insults, escaped dangers, digested differences, ironed out angularities and thus weathered many a storm in the course of its historic growth and expansion of those dynamic decades to its present size, status and stature

I, as District Educational Officer, had the privilege to enter into the life of this school which was a Higher Secondary School then, in 1962 as Inspecting Officer, when Sri K. Ramalinga Reddy was the Headmaster.

The strength of the school was full. packed to the walls of the classes which eloquently spoke of the popularity enjoyed by the school. The teachers were all qualified and ripe in experience and therefore competent to the core, to function as such. The instruction obtained was of high standard and the achievements rightly reflected its own image.

The functions of the school or examinations either of school or of the department or any celebrations organised were done in a spick and span manner, under the expert advice and able guidance of Sri K. Ramalinga Reddy, Headmaster, who planned their minute details and personally attended to their execution.

The discipline of the school is another factor that needs mention here. With out any fear of contradiction, it can be said

that the school enjoyed its heights of discipline. The students were well under control and the student-teacher relationship was wholesome and happy. The understanding and harmony among teachers, which is a delicate and sensitive field providing ammunition for warfare, cold and hot with a potential to undermine the cumulative efforts of teachers and affect the progress of the school, was equally high and laudable. The teachers and the taught,a community of heterogeneous elements was forged into a homogeneous unit making onward and forward movement towards the achievement of their common ends and goals, leaving no avenue unexplored in their efforts.

The aesthetic aspect of the school stands second to none in the district and perhaps makes a mark at the state level as well. As one enters the school building, he finds himself in a wide corridor, where his eyes meet very delectable maps and charts drawn in delightful colours on the walls on either side. Taking a few steps forward and stretching his vision a few yards beyond, a beautiful park designed with hedges neatly trimmed and pruned and green lawns evenly mowed and drooping Ashoka trees decoratively lined up around, unfolds itself in front. The scenic beauty hightens itself in the centre fountain, constructed in concentric steps tapering up and the steps are set with flower pots of various colours. They look like floral steps leading up to the fountain which drenches them with perpetual rain as it were to the plants under and around. Certain rare species of scientific interest like the traveller's palms, Royal palms, Cycas and Cactus and the fish ponds in the lawns lend charm to the sight. The trim condition of the school garden is the index of the standard of discipline and aesthetic sense among the students just as the orderliness in a house reflects the discipline of the inmates. In full, the entire scene casts a spell on a visitor as he sweeps his eyes over that spectrum of beauty. That 'a thing of beauty' as observed by the great romantic poet Keats, 'is a joy for ever,' has been realised true to the very letter here. Perhaps the citation of a Japanese proverb is not irrelevant at this stance.

> "If you want to enjoy for five minutes, Light a cigarette;
> If you want to enjoy for one year, get married; and
> If you want to enjoy for life, raise a garden.

All this, I can hazard a guess, is the creation of Sri K. Ramalinga Reddy, the Headmaster, which stands as an eloquent witness of his dedicated work, even after retirement.

At this stage I am reminded of another delicious thought of a great sage which I feel constrained to share with you. To put it in my own words:

"Strew flowers as you walk along on the way, For you shall not go a second time by the same way."

The generations who take the way behind might know you by the flowers you cast, bless and emulate you. The said park is a flower strewn on the way of life imparting joy and fragrance, enchanting generations of students with its beauty.

The school, whether by accident or design, got a strategic location in the heart of the town. Its playfield, evene, smooth, yet hard enough for games and sports of all types is the attraction of the town. To its west runs the Trunk Road

and the playground presents its full veiw to the passers by, who crowd themselves invariably every evening to enjoy the kaleidoscopic view, changing its colourful patterns every second, of the students scattered all over the ground engaged in various games, as they make their tactical movements and manoeuvres both in defence and offence.

This play field becomes the venue of all tournaments, matches; sports competitions, rallies, parades of N. C. C. Cadets public meetings etc., through out the year. There is no rest for the ground during any season of the year. Its location tempts every body to hold functions or rallies here. The pity is that even on occasions when the school is in full session working or solemnly running examinations, the play field is neither spared nor exempt, much to the inconvenience of the students and teachers and the annoyance of the Management.

Several novel schemes were introduced by me aiming at obtaining maximum results with minimum efforts, to make teaching enjoyable both to the teachers and the taught and to wring out the best of the teachers and pass it on to the best advantage of the students. The teachers and the Headmaster, as a duty bound band of workers, loved the new ideas, seized them by their fore-locks and spared no pains in working them out eminently well.

Under systematically organised supervison of teachers who offered their services during the odd hours of the night, willingly and voluntarily not for gold and silver but purely for the love of it, aiming at cent percent of passes and a good number of first classes and distinctions. Special Classes and Night Classes were conducted for the Public Examination going students All these yielded rich dividends to the extent of 83% of results in XII Class in the year 1969 snatching away the laurels of the District as an institution of distinction and standing, unparalleled in the history of the School. This indeed is a magnanimous gesture on the part of Teachers which unravels an invincible truth that Teachers if properly toned up and tossed into humour, would turn into a mighty potential for production of effective services.

The institution we see today is not merely one of bricks and mortar, nor is it of material structure which looks imposing and impressive; but it is life, dynamic life of thousands of students and teachers who breathe life into every brick, stir every structure and thrill the entire campus into a beehive of intellectual activity and a hub of social intercourse of teaching and preaching, learning, love and life.

This institution from out of its pulsating life developed a 'Soul' and a 'Personality' which it stamps upon the generations of students who pass out of its portals and enter into the various channels of the life of the Nation, as brilliant Engineers, eminent Doctors, expert Technicians, conscienscious Teachers great Luminaries in the field of Justice, Famous Journalists, and Leaders of high quality besides the Officers of All India Service Cadres like I. A. S., I. P. S., I. F. S.. etc. Thus this institution has been making a tremendous contribution, of no small consequence to the multi-faceted Natlon Buiding Activity.

In the language of Ruskin, a great prose writer, on the anology of his classification of books, we may venture to call this institution an INSTITUTION OF ALL TIMES.

Besides Instruction, What We Are Doing For The Development of Your Child.

By C. V. Subba Reddy,
M. A., B. Sc., B. Ed.,
Science Asst.
Member, Souvenir Committee.

A WORD ABOUT OUR INSTRUCTION :-

The pressure and the rush at the time of admissions speak eloquently about the quality of Instruction given in our School. The Staff is highly qualified and experienced and evince great interest in their profession. Many of them have undegone some kind of special training at one time or the other. There is perfect harmony among the teachers and consider themselves a single family. A few Heads of Study Circles (Senior Teachers) formulate the planning of teaching work for the whole year and the rest follow the scheme. The Management never interferes with the academic work or otherwise. This professional freedom is a positive factor here and it is a rare thing in other Management Schools. No doubt, the instruction is of first rate. Many parents generously responded to our request with their appreciation in this regard. But, with due apologies, they could not be accommodated in this modest Souvenir.

Besides instruction, the following activities have been provided to the pupils in onr school for the alround development of their personality. Discipline receives its due emphasis which was dealt with in detail else-where in this issue.

CO-CURRICULAR & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES :-

1) Games & Sports : The School possesses a group of five P. E. Ts., each is an expert in one of the major games and one of them represented the State in foot ball. The school has a beautiful play ground and it is no wonder that the school won laurels in sports and produced many a sportsmen. Besides the major games, gymnastics and mass drill is also given due emphasis; for, this is a vital field for development of physique of the scholars.

2) N. C. C: There are two wings in the N. C. C. the Air-Wing and the Army-Wing, each is headed by a B. Ed, Asst. There are 100 boys in each wing. The Cadets undergo a strenuous training at the end of which there are certificate examinations. This hard training not only helps them in acquiring the necessary discipline in making them good citizens

but also stand them in good stead when in difficulties.

3) Junior Red Cross:- There is a Jr. Red Cross division, headed by an M. Sc., B. Ed., who recently, had been selected at state level to attend Seminars at Simla (H.P.) and Calcutta. Here, boys are trained in hygeine, first-aid, Social Service. good citizenship etc.

4) Scouts and Guides:- V. R. C. High School had been a premier institution in the state in the movement of Scouts and Guides as long as late Sri K. S. Sundararaja Rao, M. A., B. Ed., Dip. P.E., was on our Staff. After his retirement, the troop was continued by two of our members of staff.

5) Interact Club:- This is an off-shoot of Rotary International. When the Rotary Club of Nellore wanted to start an Interact Club in Nellore town, our school was adjudged to have it. This club functioned in our school for many years. Here, boys are trained in cleanliness, community service and world citizenship. Such activities foster National Integration and International Understanding.

6) Educational Tours :- The value of educational tours needs no elaboration. The school plans a long tour every year and many staff members participate in it with their own expenses and guide the boys on the tours. Our boys were taken to each and every important place in South India and were given an opportunity to see and study for themselves the importance it enjoyed in the history of the contry. These tours were under taken with the minimum of expenditure.

7) Science Club :- There is a very active 'Aristotle Science Club' in our school which does some really good work. The activities of the Club take place outside the school hours with the active co-operation of our Science Teachers and in collaboration with the M_3 K O Club of V. R. College. Here, the spirit of enquiry which is dormant in the young boys is rekindled and given a proper direction for its development. The following are some of its activities :-

a) To teach the technics in microbiology, certain investigatory projects are undertaken. The boys learn here sterilization technic, nutrition media preparation, Gram staining technic, culturing moulds and chromatography technic, enzyme analysis etc.

b) Our boys have studied the life histories of various species of butter-flies found in Nellore. Many boys are made to develop home laboratories.

c) Birth Days of famous Scientists are celebrated every month to inculcate scinetific spirit as exemplified by these Scientists; to disseminate the knowledge of their discoveries and to give an opportunity to the young boys to express themselves in the Elocution and Essay competitions held on these occasions. These competitions are open to all the students of High Schools and Colleges of Nellore Town.

d) Exhibitions on Scientific models and rare collections are held and prizes awarded.

e) The school in collaboration with the M_3 KO Club of our College has been publishing a "Science News Letter" every year. This contains not only the record of work of our two clubs but also of the other Science Clubs in Nellore. News about latest Scientific discoveries is also given for the benefit of students.

f) We have introduced 'teaching as a method of learning'- where stundents teach students.

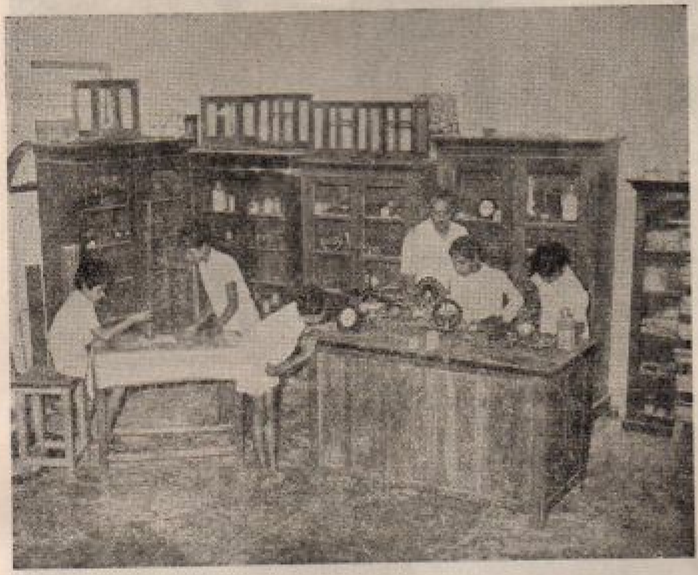
All these activities would not have seen the light of the day but for the tireless efforts and able guidance of Sri C. P. Rao, lecturer in Botany V. R. College Nellore; all the Headmasters of this School and a dedicated band of young teachers teaching Science in our School. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to our Management for giving us the necessary encouragement and freedom; for keeping the laboratories and equipment at the disposal of the teachers-in-charge to enable us to continue this work even into the nights.

I earnestly hope, with the fresh inspiration derived from the Century of Noble Service of this great Temple of Learning that in future, we would be able to do much more to enhance the reputation of this Institution of which, we proudly feel, are an inseparable part.

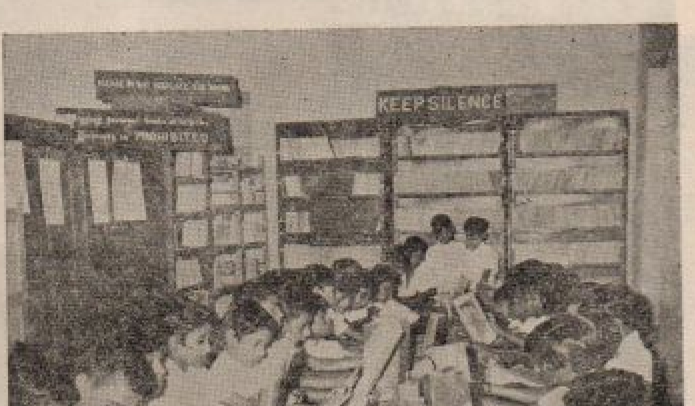
VENKATAGIRI RAJAH'S

DONATION OF Rs. 50,000 TO SCHOOL

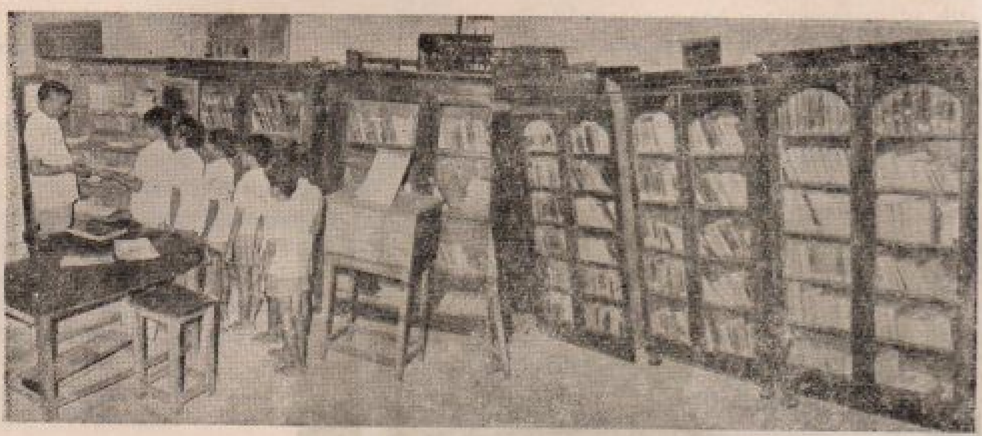
In 1908; the Rajah of Venkatagiri alloted Rs. 35,000, together with the old sum of Rs. 15,000. This total amount of Rs. 50,000 was set apart in a Govt. pronote with an interest of 3 1/2% in the Bank of Madras and the interest was to be paid to the Institution.



Physical Science Laboratory



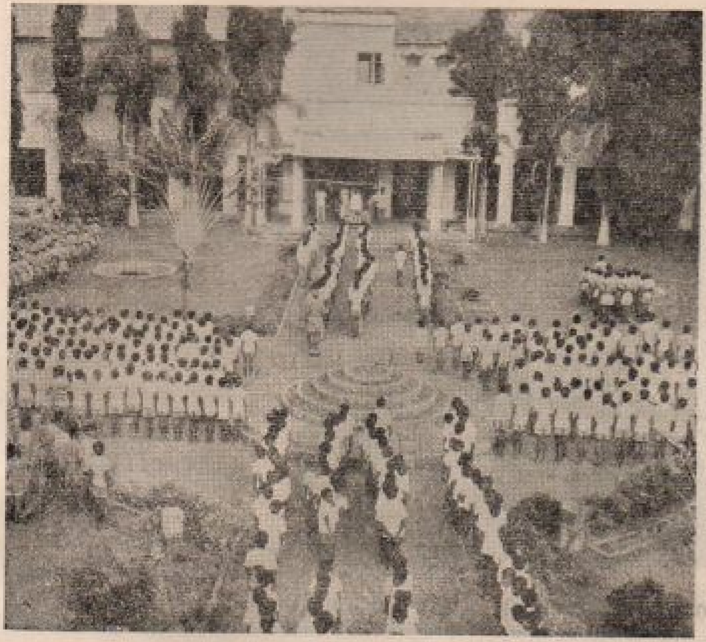
Boys at Reading Room



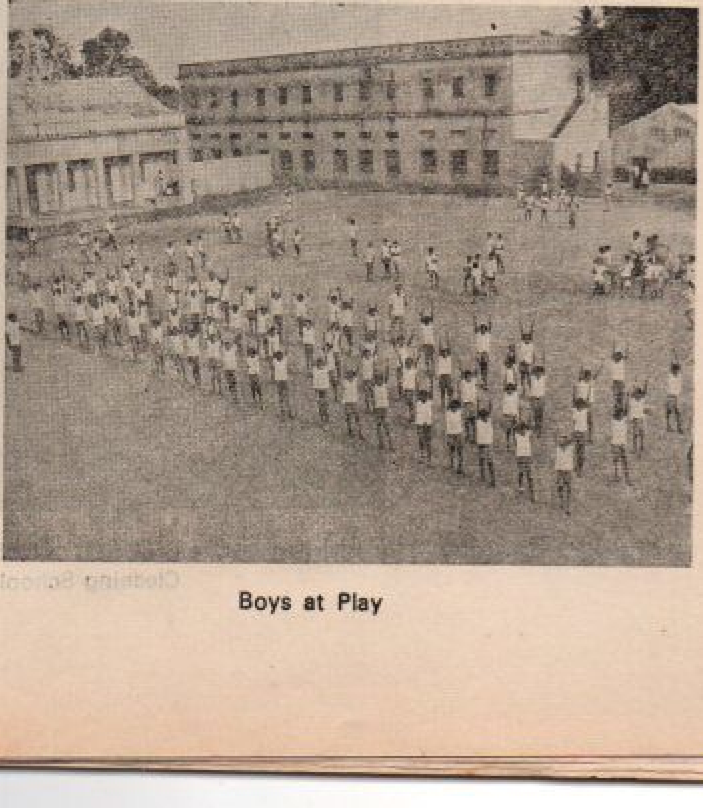
A section of our Library

CENTENARY PAVILION

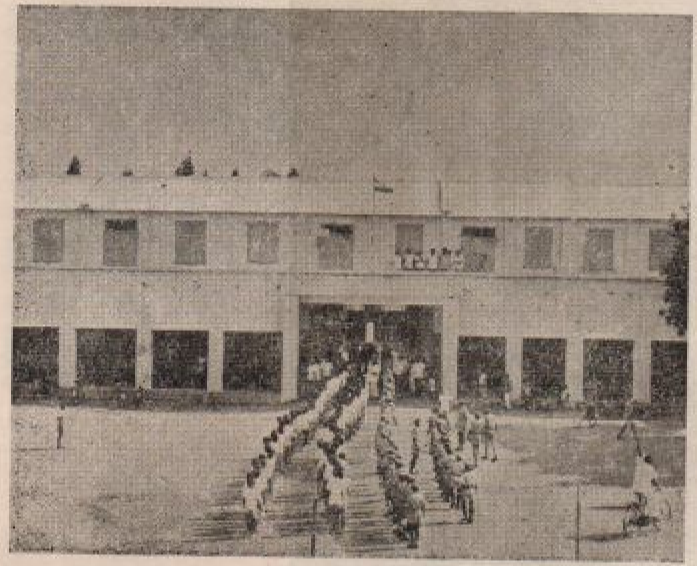
Planned, Constructed & Donated by Sri K. Ramalinga Reddy
(H. M. - 1962 to 1970)



The School Assembly



Boys at Play



Boys entering the School.

JR. RED CROSS BOYS
Cleaning School Premises

"Gifted Children" Are a Global Asset

By "Brother C P."
V. R. COLLEGE.

Education consists of two important functions-namely

(1) transfer of knowledge and (2) creation of knowledge. The educational system in India is, at present mainly concerned with the first of the above said twin aspects of education-namely "transfer of knowledge".

The second aspect, namely-"Creation of new knowledge" is totally ignored at all levels, from school to college levels of education. It is taken up at the post M. Sc- level in the name of Research. Generally it is believed (A Superstition!) that "creation of new knowledge" is "impossible" at lower levels of education! Education if it is to be ideal has to involve both the above said twin aspects at all levels of education-from primary to High School and College levels. The present educational set up not only ignores this most important aspect-namely "creation of knowledge" but even discourages or totally kills any effort in that direction.

This "Creation of Knowledge" involves "imagination" and "original in the king" or "creative thinking". It is the most important function of education. Albert Einstein said on one occasion "Imagination is more important than knowledge". The history of human civilisation from stone age to space age is the story of Man's "creative imagination". The discovery of the "use of fire" and the "use of wheel" are the result of the creative imagination of some unknown personalities of stone age. The great wonders of the modern civilisation such as the Telephone, the Telegraph, the Cinema, the Radio, the Television, the Electric bulb, the Radar, the Railway engine, the Motor car, the Aeroplane, the Rocket etc., are all achivements of a handful of men of "Creative Thinking" The great historian Toynbee has rightly said "a few creative minds can make an enormous difference to civilisation."

That "Creativity" is the basis of "Excellence" in all spheres of human activity, is now realised by educationists all over world. They also realised by recent researhces that "Creative Thinking" should be promoted right from elementary education

stage. They realised the necessity of "spotting out" children with the gift of higher creativity at an early age and give special attention to them. In September 1975 a world conference on gifted children was held in London and India also participated. 500 delegates from 54 countries attended this conference to focus the attention of the world on gifted children who are an asset to the world and whose contribution would be of immense benefit to mankind. The conference decided to approach governments and authorities all over the world to pay special attention to these creative minds and make adequate provision in the educational system and educational planning. The conference was hosted by the National Association of Gifted Children, of U. K. (Raina)

What is creative thinking or creativity? Can it be promoted? How? and similar other questions have been raised by Educational Researchers during the last two decades. (It is astonishing that nobody raised these questions until recently.) Now Educationists and Educational Psychologists have evolved special methods or Techniques such as Gilford's "Factor Analysis Technique,"— Osborne's "Brain Storming Technique" and "Product Improvement Task" etc, etc., for promoting evaluating and identifying "Creativity" among students at various grades, from school to college levels. We can hopefully wait for some changes in the Educational System in India also as the Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi has repeatedly stressed the need for promoting "Creative Thinking" in the Educational System. Reform of Education, Examination System and other "Winds of Change" may bring in results which would give equal importance--if not more-to the second aspect of education, namely "Creation of Knowledge."

But these processes of change are very slow. Even ten years ago the Educationists at the Central Government level tried to make provision for students with creativity by encouraging the "International Movement of Science Clubs" in schools and colleges in India. As part of this movment "Science Fairs" at various levels from district to National and International, are being held. The "National Science Talent Search Examination" is another effort in this regard. The "All India Invention Talent Competition" for students in schools and colleges is still another effort in this direction.

The Science Teachers of V.R.C. High School in collaboration with some teachers of V. R. College, who are all old students of this High School, have been striving to provide some assistance to the "Gifted Children" and to promote "Creative Thinking" among all students though the "ristotle Science Club" of V.R.C. High School and the M3 K.O Club of V.R. College. They are striving to evolve a science club syllabus which will be "Research or Creativity based, National Rural service motivated, Commerce and Industry oriented and open ended."

This syllabus will be based on the existing syllabii in the school or college but modified to serve the above said needs. The emphasis will be on "Creative Thinking," "Love and Service" and "Devoted Dedication to work."

It is hoped that in this Centenary Year of our school these efforts of the old and present students and teachers of this "Temple of Learning" will take final shape. If these plans succeed and bear fruit, it will be a MODEL for the entire country, nay, for all the developing cou-

ntries in Asia and Africa. "Creative Intelligence" and "Love" are inherent Divine traits present in all beings. True Education is that which helps a child to manifest these inherent Divine traits already within Swami Vivekananda defines education as "the manifestation of Divinity, already within man by controlling Nature, external and Internal."

The Aristotle Science Club and M3 KO Club have been guiding students to Compete in the National Science Talent Search Examination and All India Invention Talent Competition It is heartening to note that so far four members have been selected in these N S T S Competitions. This year the model of D N. A. prepared by one of our members got first prize at All India level in the All India Invention Talent Competition.

> We want students to be not merely learners but thinkers; not only memorizers and imitators but also searchers and innovators; not mere scholars of past knowledge but producers of new knowledge; not only well versed in that which is written but also alert that all is not yet written; not only skilled in knowing the ropes but also capable of improving the ropes.
>
> —Raina.

> "Teaching and Research must go hand in hand". Sir J. C. Bose.
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> "Purity, Patience and perseverance are the three essentials to success and above all love."
>
> —Swami Vivekananda.

part of any member of the staff to achieve the objectives set before himself will contribute to deminish proportionately the efficiency of the institution and mar its fair name and discipline. The life style of the youngsters passing out of our institution which lays stress on discipline will certainly and conspicuously mark them for social recognition and higher places.

3. Judging by these norms, the administration of V.R.C. High School does not fail far short of the expectations. For more than half a decade, it had the good fortune of having on the staff a band of dedicated persons and intellectual stalwarts by whose ceaseless efforts the institution attained the pinnacle of glory. The Headmasters and the staff used to meet in staff councils to review the working of the institution how far the tasks set before them are being fulfilled; whether they need any additions or subtractions, whether the code of conduct is being observed and to what extent (by the pupils) and how best the resources are to be augmented. The management has been uniformly helpful and stood by the Headmaster and the staff through thick and thin in their efforts in uplifting the fallen standards, maintaining the old traditions and enhancing the reputation of the institution.

4. Usually, the Heads of study circles meet at the beginning of the year and draw out a plan of work for the year, which later is placed before the Staff Association for ratification and adoption. Each teacher understands his responsibility with reference to his academic work and devotes himself sincerely and honestly to fulfil the tasks set. A minimum of three meetings are held at the end of each term to review the progress and the staff is exhorted to co-operate and co-ordinate in bettering the tone of the institution.

5. Students are insisted to come in the prescribed uniform and adhere to the rules of conduct scrupulously. School assembly is a tri weekly feature and important information is passed on to the staff and studends to keep them abreast of the events. The school garden is cynosure of all eyes and it provides pleasant atmosphere which is condusive for teaching-learning activities. Parents' Association functions and it contributes to the better understanding of the problems of the pupils and also those of the teachers. The school is a premier institution in the district with a strength of about 1200 and but for the restriction imposed by the Govt. the strength would have doubled. An English medium section is provided in each class from VI to X and this is a special attraction which caters to the needs of the children of officials coming on transfer from other states and for those who crave for English medium. Besides curricular subjects, students are trained in the art of speaking, leadership and morality. It will be a pleasant sight to see the students marching in long queues while entering and leaving the school or going to the laboratory or reading room. The gates will be closed for late comers. Plenty of resources are available for the extracurricular activities like games and sports, library with a reading room attached to it. Much stress is laid on developing a love of reading general books, news papers, science magazines, sports weeklies etc.

6. Delinquents are punished severely with out fear or favour. In-corrigibles are sent out to bring their parents and their co-operation is sought in normalising their conduct.

7. In short, every effort is made to provide an excellent atmosphere in which young boys who come to study have no other choice except adopting themselves to the prevailing environment and progress accordingly. The results at the Public Examinations are the index of its efficiency In recognition of these achievements the H. Ms. of the institution have been chosen by the Govt. for various honourary posts at the state and district levels. For every public function organised by the Department of Education, the Co-operation of the H. M. and the staff is sought always and it is extended unhesitatingly and whole-heartedly. The Department too, has a soft corner for the institution.

8. Such glorious achievements wouldn't have been possible but for the incande scent intellect, indomitable courage, unswerwing loyalty and deep devotion to duty of the staff of the institution and its head. Founded by the munificient late Sri Sunku Narayanaswamy Chetty B. A., in 1875, it has grown from stage to stage slowly and steadily after facing many a rough weather. This institution is now celebrating its first Centinery. May the Lord Almighty bless the institution to greater glory and the staff and students to greater hights in their achievements.

SUCCESSIVE HEADMASTERS.

1. Sri S. Narayanaswamy Chetty, B. A., (1875-78)
2. Sri Neelamraju Apparao, B. A., (78-79)
3. Mr. John Robert Anderson, B. A., (79-82)
4. Sri Devarakonda Venkataramaiah, B. A., (82-83) (Who resigned as H. M. and went to FCM as I Asst. & it may be noted that Sri C. Aravamadu Aiyengar resigned the lucrative post of I Asst. in FCM and took up an Asst. post in this school, whose stability was doubtful, and where salaries not assured.)
5. Mr. E. T. Bernard, B. A., (83-84)
6. Sri C. Aravamadu Aiyangar, B. A., (84-85)
7. Sri Coppisetty Venkataramanujulu Naidu, B. A , (1885-1901)
8. Sri Santhanarama Aiyangar, B. A., L. T., (1901-1926)
9. Sri Darbhala Venkata Subbaiah, B. A., L. T., (1926-1941)
10. Sri Bhairavarasu Subba Rao, B. A., L. T., (41-44)
11. Sri Cakuturu V. Narasimha Rao, B. A., L. T , (44-54)
12. Sri Veguru Venkatappaiah, B. A., B. Ed., (54-62)
13. Sri Konidala Ramalinga Reddy, B. A., L. T., (1962-70)
14. Sri Gadiraju Govindaiah, M. A , B. Ed., (1970-76)
15. Sri Pujari Munaiah, B. A. B. Ed., 1976

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We regret that we could not secure the photo of Late Sri A. Santhana rama Iyengar, our Ex-Headmaster despite our sincere efforts.

D. Venkata Subbaiah.

B. Subba Rao.

C. V. Narasimha Rao

V. Venkatappaiah.

K. Ramalinga Reddy.

G. Govindaiah.

P. Munaiah.

Our Old Staff

(Sitting) 1. C. N. Vittal Rao, 2. C. V. Narasimha Rao, 3. K. Venkatesaiah, 4. A. Hanumantha Rao, 5. Venkatadri Sastry, 6. D. Venkatasubbaiah (H. M.), 7. P. Pitchaiah, 8. B. Subba Rao, 9. M. Srirama Iyengar, 10. A. Rama Murthy.

2nd Row : 1. K. Rajaratnam, 2. N. Hanumantha Rao, 3. D. Venkatasubbaiah, 4. G. Subrahmanyam, 5. N. Rangaswamy, 6. N. Pitchi Raju, 7. D. Pitchaiah Sastry, 8. D Venkateswarlu, 9. D. Sundara Rao, 10. G. Subba Rao, 11. P. Kamaiah, 12. K. K. Viswanatham, 13. Akbar Hussain.

Top Row : 1. T. Raghavaiah, 2 V. Venkatappaiah, 3. K. Ramanadha Sarma, 4. K. Ramalinga Reddy, 5. P Sreeramulu, 6. P. Narasaiah, 7. T. R. G. Krishnan.

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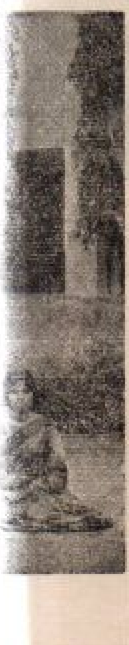
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